Barnstable Police Department Press Release
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BHS Student Struck by Vehicle Boarding School Bus

On Thursday January 31st at 7 am the Barnstable police responded to Old Stage Rd. by Patriots Way in the village of Centerville for a high school student struck by a car as she was approaching her bus.

A 16 year old Barnstable High School student was crossing Old Stage Rd with her 13 year old brother when she was struck by a car driven by 81 year old John Mullaly also of Centerville. According to witnesses the school bus was completely stopped in the southbound lane with overhead lights flashing. As the 16 year old began to cross the street, just slightly ahead of her brother, she was struck by the Mullaly vehicle which was traveling in the northbound lane. Struck by the front center of the car she was thrown up and over the hood and tumbled to the street. Centerville/ Osterville/ Marstons Mills Rescue arrived and treated the 16 year old who was subsequently transported to Hasbro Children’s Hospital in Providence Rhode Island. This is a trauma hospital, for preliminary investigation shows a possible broken leg and other cuts and bruises but not life threatening injuries.

John Mullaly was cited for Operating to endanger and failure to stop for a school bus. A request to the Registry for immediate threat will also be filed. This request is for the Registry to determine if he is competent to maintain his drivers’ license. Mr. Mullaly was not injured in the accident. The weather was of wind and rain.

The accident is being investigated by Officer Dennis Stampfl.

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