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Three teens injured after striking bus with car in Ellicott City

Howard County police are investigating a collision this afternoon where three teens were seriously injured after their car struck a bus in Ellicott City.

At approximately 2:35 p.m., the teens, driving in a 2009 Honda CRV, were traveling eastbound on U.S. 40 when the vehicle made a left turn toward Pebble Beach Drive and struck a school bus traveling westbound on U.S. 40.

The driver of the Honda, Stephen Drago, 18, of Ellicott City, and right rear passenger Patrick Moore, 16, of Ellicott City, were transported by MedEvac to the University of Maryland, Shock Trauma Center, with life threatening injuries.

The right front passenger, Thomas Drago, 17, of Ellicott City, was transported by ambulance to Shock Trauma with non-life threatening injuries.

The driver of the school bus, Ann Marie Mullinix, 52, of Sykesville, and bus aide Ruth Mathis, 53, of West Friendship, were not injured. The bus, which provides transportation for Howard County Public Schools, is a 2004 International bus owned by Kam Enterprises of Glenelg. There were no students on the bus at the time of the collision.

Preliminary investigation indicates the bus had a green traffic light and the right of way in the intersection.

Westbound U.S. 40 was closed from Pine Orchard Lane to Pebble Beach Drive for two hours for accident clean-up and investigation. The investigation is ongoing.

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Note: A previous version of this release incorrectly stated the driver was a juvenile.