

Crash puts local teen in critical condition



Emergency personnel work to remove the 17-year-old driver of a 1987 Chrysler struck broadside in the driver's door at Foxgrove and 13 Mile roads about 3:10 p.m. Feb. 14.

A 17-year-old North Farmington High School student was listed in critical condition Tuesday at the University of Michigan Hospital, Ann Arbor, following a traffic accident about 3:10 p.m. Feb. 14 at Foxgrove and 13 Mile roads, according to Farmington Hills police.

Jennifer Hextall, the driver of a 1987 four-door Chrysler, made what is believed to be a rolling stop at the intersection of Foxgrove and 13 Mile, when she was struck broadside by a 1988 Audi driven by Ziyad Takal, 24, of Farmington Hills, according to Sgt. Ray Cranston of the Farmington Hills Police Department's traffic section.

"It would appear she pulled out right in front of him," Cranston said, adding that a witness saw Hextall make the rolling stop. "He hit her right in the driver's door. There is no reason to believe alcohol was involved."

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Farmington Hills Police

Hextall, and her sister, Brooke, 16, a passenger in the car and a North Farmington High School student, were both wearing seatbelts. Jennifer Hextall was transported Sunday from Botsford General Hospital, Farmington Hills, to the U-M hospital where she is in the pediatric intensive care unit, according to a hospital spokeswoman.

Brooke Hextall, was treated at Botsford General Hospital, Farmington Hills, and released, as was Takal, Cranston said.

Hextall was apparently attempting to turn eastbound on 13 Mile, when Takal, who was driving westbound on the thoroughfare, struck her car. The accident is still under investigation. There is no reason to believe excessive speed was a factor in the accident, Cranston added.

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