

Driver cited for striking student, leaving accident scene

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A 37-year-old Greenfield driver received two tickets after she allegedly struck a 15-year-old Port Washington High School student crossing Grand Avenue at North Webster Street early March 27, then left the scene.

The woman was cited for failure to notify police of an accident and failure to yield the right of way to a pedestrian in an uncontrolled intersection, according to Port Washington police.

According to police, the freshman told officers she was crossing Grand Avenue at Webster Street between 7:15 and 7:20 a.m. when a vehicle passing on the right side of the road struck her left leg and ran over her foot.

The student, who was in the crosswalk when the accident occurred, did not fall and kept walking to school, reporting the incident once she got to the school office, police said. She was not seriously injured.

The driver left the scene, telling officers later that she did not initially see the girl crossing because her view was blocked by an eastbound truck, according to police. When she saw her, she swerved but still struck the student.

The driver said she left the scene after the girl walked away.

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Police had put out an alert for the vehicle later March 27. A witness called the following day and alerted officers to a company logo on the vehicle, and police were able to track the driver down.