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Girl hit by city ambulance in Jamaica Plain

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A 12-year-old girl was hospitalized after she was hit by a city Emergency Medical Services ambulance en route to an emergency call in the Forest Hills section of Jamaica Plain on Sunday afternoon, authorities said.

The EMS ambulance was traveling on Washington Street with its emergency lights and sirens on when the girl “ran out in front” of the ambulance, according to Boston Police, citing statements provided by EMS personnel on the ambulance.

The ambulance driver swerved sharply to the right to try to avoid the girl, police said. The vehicle struck a parked car and also hit the girl in the area of 3704 Washington St., police said. The incident took place

about noon Sunday.

The girl's mother told officers at the scene that she had pulled over and let her daughter out of her car, according to police. The mother said her daughter was crossing the street when the ambulance hit her.

After being treated at the scene, the girl was taken to Boston Children's Hospital with injuries that were not life threatening, police said.

The EMS driver, a woman, was treated on scene and taken to Carney Hospital for "stress-related injuries," police said.

Police said the girl was not using one of the crosswalks on that busy section of Washington Street. Just outside the Forest Hills MBTA Station, the road has two travel lanes in each direction with parallel parking on one side and live parking for pickup and drop off on the other side.

No citations were issued, police said.

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