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Girl injured when struck by personal watercraft

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CLEAR LAKE, Iowa – The Iowa Department of Natural Resources law enforcement and Clear Lake Fire and Rescue responded to a crash involving several juveniles on Clear Lake at approximately 8:15 p.m. on July 6.

The crash happened less than a mile southwest of the 1200 block of North Shore Drive. A personal watercraft being operated by a 15 year-old Glidden male with a 16 year-old male passenger from Carroll struck the back of another personal watercraft with three 17 year-old females, all from Cedar Falls. One of the females that was struck directly by the personal watercraft fell into the water.

Clear Lake Fire and Rescue brought her ashore where she was transferred to a Mason City hospital with a leg injury. She was eventually transferred to a Rochester, Minnesota hospital and her condition is unknown at this time.

The 15 year old male operating the personal watercraft that caused the crash has been charged with Reckless Use of a Watercraft – Iowa Code chapter 462A.12(1), and Operation of a Watercraft by an Underage Person Without Boating Education – Iowa Code chapter 462A.12(6).

The Cerro Gordo County Sheriff's Department and the Iowa State Patrol also assisted with this incident.

Note: A criminal charge is merely an accusation and a defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.