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Kendall County Sheriff's Office Investigating Accident

******UPDATE******

On October 17, 2019, the Kendall County Sheriff's Office cited Gary Sleezer of the 12000 block of Andrew Street, Plano with a traffic citation. Mr. Sleezer was cited for Improper Farm Tractor Operation in violation of 625 ILCS 5/11-1418. Mr. Sleezer was in violation of operating a farm tractor on a roadway that was not being used in connection with farming operations. The investigation is still pending and ongoing.

*******Original Release*******

On October 12, 2019 at approximately 1737 p.m., Kendall County Sheriff's Deputies responded to the area of River Road between Blackhawk Road and Fox River Drive, for a report involving a vehicle colliding with a wagon being towed by a tractor for a hay rack ride.

An investigation revealed Kaitlin Minick, a 22 year old female from the 800 block of West Hillcrest Drive DeKalb was driving west on River Road, when her vehicle struck the back of the westbound hay wagon carrying a total of 14 adult passengers. Eleven passengers were transported to local area hospitals for treatment of varying degrees of injuries.

Ms. Minick was treated and released on the scene. Ms. Minick was cited for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. This investigation is ongoing, and more information will be released as it becomes available.

The Kendall County Sheriff's Office would like to thank Sandwich Police Department, Plano Police Department, Bristol Kendall Fire, Oswego Fire, Somonauk Fire, Newark Fire, Little Rock Fox Fire, Sugar Grove Fire and Kendall County Auxiliary Deputies.

The public is reminded that criminal defendants are presumed innocent until the government is able to prove its charges in court beyond a reasonable doubt.

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