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TEEN ON MOTORIZED DIRT BIKE STRUCK BY VEHICLE

A teenager is in critical condition after he was struck by a vehicle on the city's east side, late Thursday morning.

Just before 11:20 a.m., an officer on patrol observed a motorized dirt bike driving recklessly on neighborhood streets and on the sidewalk.

The officer attempted to perform a traffic stop but the teenager failed to stop and fled from the officer. The officer turned off his lights and sirens.

A short time later, the teen was captured on camera riding on the sidewalk near the corner of Farnsworth Avenue at Liberty Street. The teenager is seen on the city traffic intersection camera disobeying the red traffic light, where a red minivan traveling northbound on Farnsworth struck the teen.

The Aurora Fire Department was requested to the scene and paramedics requested a medical helicopter to respond. The 14-year-old was airlifted in critical condition to Good Samaritan Hospital in Downers Grove.

Due to the severity of the teen's injuries, the Aurora Police Department requested the Kane County Major Crimes Task Force to conduct an investigation under the direction of the State of Illinois' Police and Community Relations Improvement Act.

The Kane County Major Crimes Task Force was assisted by members of Aurora Police Department's Traffic Division to reconstruct the accident.

Out of respect for the families of those involved, and to protect the integrity of the on-going investigation, the Aurora Police Department will have no further comment on this incident at this time.

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