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Serious Accident Caused While Texting and Driving

On Saturday, August 28, 2010, at approximately 17:09 hours, three juveniles were standing near the curb in the 1000 block of Luling Estates Drive when they were struck by a northbound vehicle driven by Stephanie L. Clay, 42, Female, of 1173 N. Luling Estates Drive in Luling, Louisiana.

Further investigation revealed that Clay, driving a red 2007 Kia Spectra was allegedly driving above the 25 mph posted speed limit when she struck the youths standing near and on the curb. Witnesses say the driver was texting at the time of the accident.

Clay was arrested and charged with: Texting While Operating a Motor Vehicle, Reckless Operation, and Negligent Injuring (3cts.). At this time, Clay's bond has not been set.

Two of the juveniles were transported to Oshner Hospital and the other was transported to University Hospital. All three sustained serious injurious. The victims, which are all from Luling, Louisiana are: Joseph Kirch (DOB: 9-19-94), Treval Dunmiles (DOB: 1-7-93), and Joseph Rafiel (DOB: 11-1-92).

The incident is still under investigation.