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PEDESTRIAN STRUCK BY TRAIN
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RIVERSIDE, CA – On Friday, April 22, 2016, at about 1:00 PM, members of the Riverside Police and Fire Departments responded to reports of a pedestrian being struck by a train at Pierce and the RR grade crossing south of Magnolia Avenue.

Rescue personnel arrived and found a critically injured 14 year old female, from near-by Hillcrest High School, at the now stopped Metrolink train. She was treated and transported to Riverside Community Hospital. She was later transferred to Loma Linda University Medical Center with non-life threatening critical injuries.

According to witness statements, the female was walking westbound between the two sets of tracks from Pierce. Crewmembers on the westbound Metrolink train saw her in their path and sounded their horn several times. The female then stepped onto the tracks directly in front of the train, sat down and was struck by the front of the train.

Personnel from Metrolink and BNSF Railroad responded to assist with the investigation. The Riverside Police Department is handling the initial investigation.

Anyone with further information is asked to contact the Riverside Police Department Centralized Investigations Bureau at (951) 353-7100.