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Serious car crash sends four people to hospital

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A pickup truck and an SUV collided head-on in Amherst Monday night, sending four people to the hospital and causing extensive damage to both vehicles, according to police.

Three of the people involved who were riding together in the SUV are believed to be students at the University of Massachusetts, according to names provided by police that match the names of students enrolled at UMass; however that could not immediately be confirmed.

A Mitsubishi four-door driven by Brynne S. Goldberg, 22, of West Hartford, Conn., crossed the center line on North East Street to maneuver around a police cruiser that was parked at the side of the road where another vehicle had been pulled over, said Amherst Police Lt. Ronald A. Young.

While passing by the cruiser, Goldberg's vehicle collided head-on with a Ford Ranger driven by James N. Broderick, 24, of Amherst, officials said.

Goldberg, Broderick and two passengers in Goldberg's vehicle, Meredith Kirby, 21, of Lenox, Mass., and Alexandra Kelley, 20, of Milton, Mass., were all hospitalized as a result, police said.

Young referred questions regarding the extent of each person's injuries and their current condition to hospital officials who could not immediately be reached for comment.

Police said Goldberg will likely be issued a citation for unsafe lane change.

A dog inside Broderick's truck was not injured, officials said.

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