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North Fond du Lac Police, investigating a traffic accident on Minnesota Avenue at Harrison Street on Saturday morning, discovered that one of the drivers was a 14 year old boy, and he was driving a vehicle taken from his grandparents without permission. The accident occurred when the boy failed to stop for a stop sign and the 1994 Chevrolet mini-van he was driving was struck by a 2002 Chrysler Concord, driven by Thomas Develice, 20, of North Fond du Lac. A 23 year old female passenger in Develice's vehicle, Amanda Gleason of North Fond du Lac, complained of neck and leg pain. She was transported by North Fond du Lac ambulance to Agnesian Hospital.

The 14 year old boy initially told police that he left his driver's license at home and reported that he was born in 1992. The boy was traveling northbound on Minnesota Avenue, approaching the intersection of Harrison Street and entered the intersection without stopping when he was struck by the other vehicle. That vehicle had been traveling westbound on Harrison Street when the mini-van entered the intersection without stopping. Develice stated it was too late to stop his vehicle because he was already entering the intersection.

When the 14 year old driver failed to come back on file through Department of Transportation records, police learned that his actual date of birth was 1994. He then admitted that he had lied to the officer and that he had taken his grandparents' van without permission. The boy was taken into custody and was held in Secure Detention at the Fond du Lac County Jail for the charges of Operating a Motor Vehicle without Owner's Consent and Obstructing an Officer. He was also issued traffic citations for Knowingly Operating a Motor Vehicle without a Valid License, Causing Injury and Failure to Stop at a Stop Sign.