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MEDIA RELEASE

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On Thursday, October 29, 2009 at about 11:36 a.m. officers of the Garden City Police Department were dispatched to the intersection of Eighth Street and Mary Street for an injury accident.

The initial investigation revealed that Carlos Pennington (66-years-old, of 1702 Fleming Street, Garden City, KS) was driving a yellow 1995 Bluebird 21 passenger school bus westbound on Mary Street. Henry Gonzales (50-years-old, of 2507 North Sixth Street, Garden City KS) was driving his white 2001 Pontiac Grand Prix eastbound on Mary Street. Pennington and Gonzales both reportedly had green lights at the intersection and Pennington attempted to turn south onto Eighth Street. As Pennington was turning, Gonzales' vehicle struck the right side of the bus near the passenger door.

The school bus was loaded with 14 children ages 3-4 years old and is registered to Kansas Children's Service League. There were no reported injuries involving anyone on the bus. Gonzales was transported to St. Catherine Hospital where he was treated and released for a broken nose. Pennington was issued a citation for failing to yield – vehicle turning left. It was reported that everyone involved in the accident was properly restrained.

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