

On the April 3 at approximately 6:51 p.m., officers from the Charlestown Police Department were dispatched to Park Street near Level Street in reference to an accident involving a pedestrian. Officers arrived on scene approximately two minutes later and learned that 30 year old Nicole Keith-Morrison had been struck by a 2002 Pontiac Grand Am, being driven by 30 year old Natalie Miller.

Miller's seven year old son was a passenger in the car. Morrison, a teacher at Charlestown High School, had serious injuries and was air lifted to University of Louisville Hospital by Air Methods.

Officers indicated it was apparent that Miller was impaired or under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol. Miller was given field sobriety tests; those tests indicated she was in fact impaired. Miller was transported to Saint Catherine Regional Hospital in Charlestown for a blood draw, which is being sent to the Indiana Department of Toxicology for analysis.

Miller was cooperative in the investigation and admitted to smoking marijuana and taking the prescription pain killer, Lortab. There were no reports of injuries to Miller or her son.

Miller was arrested and transported to the Clark County Jail for the following charges:

- \*Operating While Intoxicated Class C Misdemeanor

- \*Operating While Intoxicated with a Minor passenger, Class D Felony

- \*Operating While Intoxicated Causing Serious Bodily Injury, Class D Felony

The accident is still under investigation but the information police have gathered thus far indicates that Morrison was walking east on Park Street, in front of Charlestown High School, with a friend, when she was struck by Miller, who was also traveling east on Park Street. Charlestown Police anticipate more charges to be filed against Miller in the future as more information becomes available.

Morrison sustained multiple injuries. She underwent surgery on Tuesday evening for a fractured skull and brain bleed. Morrison also sustained neck and vertebrae injuries. University of Louisville surgeons are optimistic, that with time, Morrison will have a full recovery. At press time, Morrison was in fair and stable condition.

Morrison has been a teacher with Greater Clark for seven years. She currently teaches 12th grade Government, Economics, and Advanced Placement courses. She also serves as the Social Studies Department Chairperson.

According to a release a friend walking with Morrison sustained minor injuries.