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FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

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"Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth." - 1 COR. 13:5

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LHS grads charged in beating

Polson, Streib face felonies; victim needed surgery

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MUNCIE — Two 2006 Lebanon High School grads face felony battery charges for their alleged roles in an attack that hospitalized a woman this week. It's a story that's making headlines statewide and has been picked up by national television news media.

Amanda Polson, 19, and Kari Streib, 20, are among five women accused of beating a 20-year-old female early Sunday morning at 1908 N. Maplewood Ave., Muncie. The suspects and

victim were reportedly attending an off-campus party, where most guests were Ball State University students.

Streib and three other suspects attend BSU, while Polson attended the school last year but is no longer a student there. Other suspects include BSU students Rene R. Whiteley, 19, Danville; Ashley Rae Kirkman, 20, Avon; and Alysse M. Popov, 19, Greenwood.

Police preliminarily charged the women with "battery with intent to commit serious bodily injury," a class C felony. Polson and Popov were arrested Thursday, and posted bond a few hours later. Streib and the other two suspects were arrested Wednesday and are also free on bond.

Jami Brown, domestic violence investigator for the Muncie Police Department, said the incident was the worst physical altercation



POLSON



STREIB



KIRKMAN



POPOV



WHITELEY

among women she's seen in her 12 years as an officer.

Brown said several of the suspects, but primarily Polson, verbally confronted the victim — a student at Ivy Tech Community College in Indianapolis — shortly after the victim arrived at the party. One of the victim's friends, who was not at the party, had apparently become involved with a man Polson was dating,

causing a rift between two groups of girls.

At some point while the victim was sitting outside with a female friend, several of the suspects apparently came outside and more verbal attacks from the suspects occurred. According to witnesses, Whiteley handed her cell phone to a friend and said, "I'm about to beat this girl's ass."

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More motions in murder case

Prosecution drops one charge, lyrics won't be used in Venis trial

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BOONE COUNTY — A Boone County judge considered the last round of motions Friday before the trial of murder suspect Michael W. Venis begins next week.

Jury selection begins Tuesday for Venis, 44, who faces a single murder charge after police found his wife, Cindy Venis, dead from a close-range shotgun wound. Together, the Boone County Prosecutor's Office and defense have filed 12 motions in the case, hoping to admit or exclude evidence and testimony from Michael Venis' upcoming trial. Judge Rebecca McClure of Superior Court II heard nine of those motions Friday.

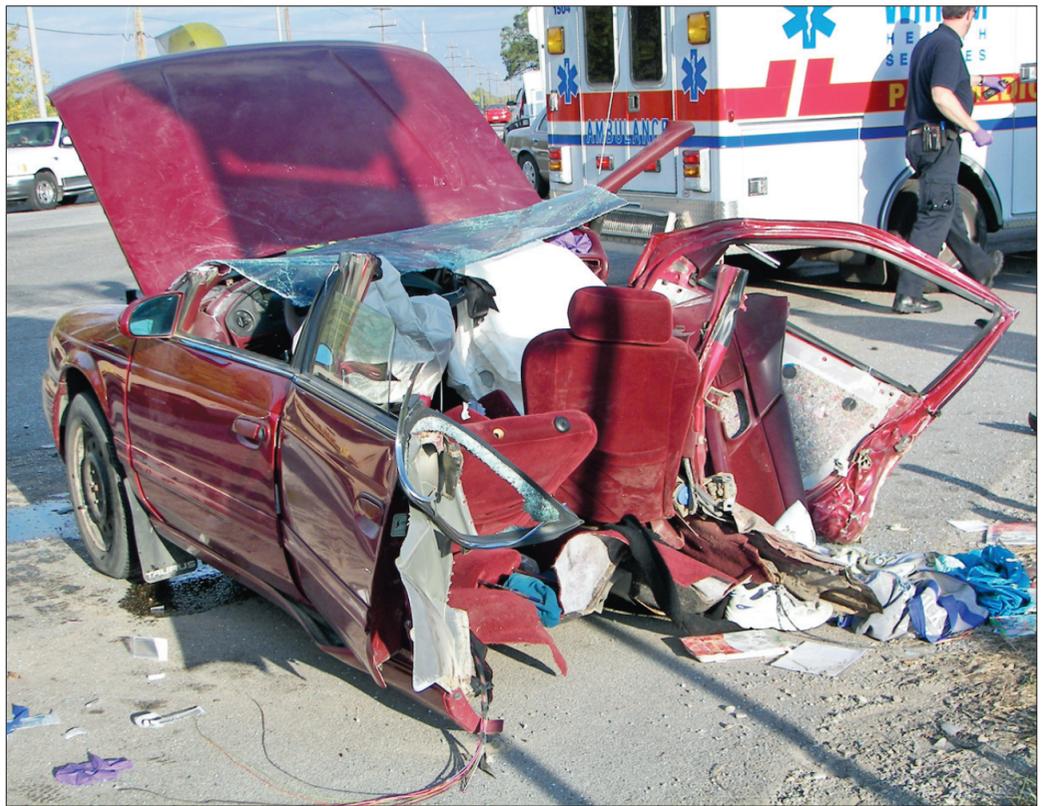
Among the proceedings, deputy

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VENIS

CRASH INJURES TEEN



Rachel Cassano

A red Ford Taurus lies split in half at the intersection of Ind. 47 and U.S. 52 after it was struck by a Dodge Charger.

Helicopter transports Thorntown girl to Indy

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THORNTOWN — Many stared in awe after an accident occurred Friday and left a red Ford Taurus split in half.

According to the Boone County Sheriff's Department, a black Dodge Charger, driven by Peter Kaminski IV, 25, Indianapolis, was headed south on U.S. 52. A red Ford Taurus, driven by Julia J. Perkins, 17, Thorntown, attempted to turn left on Ind. 47. The Taurus pulled out in front of the Charger.

"There was not enough time for the Charger to stop and it crashed into the Taurus," said BCSD Sgt. Tony Harris. Then, the Taurus split in half and the rear end spun

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Rachel Cassano

Thorntown / Sugar Creek Fire Department remove glass windshield to rescue victim.

Lions offer 'Pumpkins and Hayrides'



Daily Sun file photo

Local children enjoy the 2006 Pumpkins and Hayrides event.

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ZIONSVILLE — Fall has arrived, and the Zionsville Lions Club will host its third annual "Pumpkins and Hayrides" event from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct.

21, in Zionsville Lions Park.

"This is our way of thanking the community for all their support this year," said Lions Club member Leigh Ann Akard.

The event will include two hay wagons for hay rides, and

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