

Teenager arrested after woman struck by stolen car being driven on Princes Street

A teenager has been arrested after a woman was struck by a stolen car being driven on Princes Street last night Wednesday 17 July 2024.

Around 7.50pm officers spotted a stolen vehicle being driven in the West Port area of Edinburgh.

The vehicle failed to stop, and a short pursuit took place on Lady Lawson Street towards Lothian Road where it was cancelled for safety reasons.

The vehicle then struck a female pedestrian on Princes Street, before continuing onto South Saint David Street where it crashed into another vehicle.

Following a short foot chase a 17-year-old male was arrested on Market Street.

He has been charged in connection with road traffic offences and released on an undertaking to appear in court at a later date.

Emergency services attended, and the female pedestrian was taken to the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh for treatment. The driver of the other vehicle wasn't injured.

One lane of Princes Street was closed near the Scott Monument for around three hours as enquiries were carried out, which caused some disruption to public transport.

A Police Scotland spokesperson said: "Around 7.50pm on Wednesday, 17 July, 2024, officers observed a stolen vehicle being driven in the West Port area of Edinburgh.

"It failed to stop, and a short pursuit took place on Lady Lawson Street towards Lothian Road where it was cancelled for safety reasons.

"Shortly afterwards, the same vehicle then struck a female pedestrian on Princes Street, before continuing onto South Saint David Street where it crashed into another vehicle.

"A 17-year-old male was arrested on Market Street by officers following a short foot chase. He has been charged in connection with road traffic offences and released on an undertaking to appear in court at a later date.

"We would like to thank members of the public who assisted officers in tracing the male."