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## Pregnant Bus Driver Home From Hospital

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BRANDON - A car struck a Bloomingdale High School student crossing a road to get to a school bus Friday morning, and, in the excitement, the pregnant bus driver thought she was going into labor and was taken to a hospital.

"She is pregnant and she was having what might have been labor pains," said Hillsborough County School District spokeswoman Linda Cobbe.

"She was taken to the hospital and checked out, but they sent her home."

"No baby," Cobbe said.

The 6:48 a.m. accident occurred at Bryan Road and Bryan Manor Drive, said Hillsborough County sheriff's spokeswoman Debbie Carter.

Luis Albert Oliveras, 14, of 504 Oakhurst St., Brandon, was crossing a road to reach the bus when he was hit by a 1999 Honda driven by Carolina Audi, 17, of 622 Rapid Falls Drive, Brandon, Carter said.

She said Oliveras was taken to Tampa General Hospital and treated for injuries that were not life-threatening.

The bus was stopped and its red lights were flashing, Carter said. Audi was cited for passing a stopped school bus.

It was the first stop for the bus, Carter said.

The bus driver, Lana Bryant, 36, of 9455 Harney Road, Thonotosassa, called 911 and complained of abdominal pains that might have been labor pains, Carter said.

"She was pregnant enough," Carter said, although it was unknown how many

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months along Bryant is in her pregnancy.

She was taken to Brandon Regional Hospital for observation, then sent home.

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