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TITLE: CAR VERSUS TRAIN COLLISION  
SILOAM SPRINGS, AR – 01 AUGUST 2010

At approximately 1430, Saturday 31 July 2010 Siloam Springs Police and Fire Departments responded to a car versus train collision on N. County Club Road approximately ¼ mile north of Cheri Whitlock Drive, Siloam Springs AR.

Preliminary investigation determined Gordon T. Evans (age 40) of Gentry, AR was driving a black 1995 Ford Mustang south on Country Club Road approaching the railroad crossing where a southbound train was crossing. The vehicle struck the crossing arm and continued south where it impacted the train before coming to rest southwest of the railroad crossing.

The passengers of the vehicle included the vehicle owner Gayle Groves (age 53) of Gentry, AR, and four juveniles, ages 2, 6, 11, and 12 years old. All four juveniles were transported to the Siloam Springs Memorial Hospital where they were treated and released to family members.

Gayle Groves was arrested and charged with Public Intoxication, Obstruction of Governmental Operations, and Endangering the Welfare of a Minor and transported to the Siloam Springs Police Department.

Gordon T. Evans was arrested and charged with Driving While Intoxicated (2), Driving While License Suspended for DWI, Endangering the Welfare of a Minor (Felony), Reckless Driving, No Child Safety Seats, No Seatbelts and Obstructing Governmental Operations.

Evans is currently being held at the Siloam Springs Police Department pending transfer to the Benton County Jail. Groves was transported to the Siloam Springs Police Department and released after posting bond.

The crossing arms, audible warning and flashing lights appeared to be operating at time of the collision. The incident is still under investigation.

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