

Mansfield Police Department

For Immediate Release

Re: Train/Car Collision

On **Sunday- January 13, 2013 at approx. 8:30 pm** Mansfield Police were dispatched to Jefferson Street at the railroad crossing in reference to a crash involving the train and a vehicle. Upon arrival, officers discovered a 2003 Mitsubishi Eclipse, driven by Melissa James, 25, of Shreveport. James was travelling North on Jefferson Street and was struck by the train, which was travelling East. The vehicle was struck in the driver's side door and came to rest approx. 150 feet East of the crossing. The driver was treated at the scene and transported to the helipad at De Soto Regional Hospital where she was transported to LSU by Life Air Rescue. At last word, James remains in LSU in critical but stable condition.