

Fall from car sends girl, 16, to hospital

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LAND O' LAKES — A 16-year-old who hitched a ride on the hood of her friend's car wound up in the hospital with a fractured skull.

Lisa Linville, 1774 Tinsmith Circle in Land O' Lakes, wanted to ride on the hood of her friend Keri Fox's 1985 Ford Mustang at 3:15 p.m. Monday, according to a sheriff's report.

Fox, 17, obliged, but as she turned into the entrance of the Carpenters Run subdivision, Linville fell off and hit her head, the report said. Fox, 14401 Hellenic Drive, No. 2, Tampa, took Linville to her house then called for help.

Linville was taken to University Community Hospital in Tampa and was still there Tuesday, said her mother, Susan Linville.

Susan Linville said her daughter doesn't remember anything.

"The doctor said there was no major damage. I thought she had damage," Susan Linville said.

"I'd like to hope that she's never done something like this before, but I know one thing, it won't happen again."