

Injuries follow dispute

At least one broken bone was suffered when four passengers emerging from a "party bus" were struck by a vehicle following a verbal dispute, police said.

According to a preliminary investigation, the incident began early Saturday morning when riders in a double-decker bus heading to downtown Hermosa got in a dispute with four people in a black Jeep Cherokee.

The bus parked in the area of Beach Drive and 11th Street to unload its passengers about 12:30 a.m. The Cherokee drove by, and its occupants "flipped off" bus passengers, police said.

The Cherokee was driven away only to return, striking four people who exited the bus, police said. Paramedics treated the injured people at the scene, and according to preliminary police reports, at least one person suffered a broken leg. The Cherokee later was discovered parked on Valley Drive and the investigation is continuing.