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Wathena Man Charged For Summertime Wreck

(MSC News)--A Wathena man is facing charges in connection with a vehicle crash that left a Saint Joseph, Missouri teenager seriously injured.

[KQ2-TV reports](#) that Steven Whittaker has been charged with second degree assault in connection with the late August wreck.

Authorities say the 30-year-old was driving while intoxicated at the time it happened on Route FF in Agency, Missouri.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol [at the time](#) said Whitaker was northbound when he failed to negotiate a curve, sending his Ford Bronco across the center line where it struck the front driver's side of the car driven by 17-year-old Tyler Hoffman.

Hoffman required helicopter transport to the University of Kansas Hospital in Kansas City, Kansas due to the serious nature of his injuries.

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