

Five Injured In Brown County Wreck

(KNZA)--A Brown County head-on crash leaves five injured, and a portion of U.S. Highway 36 shut down, late Friday morning.

It happened on the highway just east of the 12th Street exit at Hiawatha when an SUV, westbound in the eastbound lane, collided with an eastbound pickup truck pulling a trailer.

The Kansas Highway Patrol identifies the driver of the SUV as 40-year-old Janel Carpenter, of Iowa City, Iowa. She was transported to the Hiawatha Community Hospital for the treatment of her injuries. Traveling with Carpenter were three young children, aged 6 to 9, and all from Iowa. The 6 and 8 year-olds were transported to Children's Mercy in Kansas City, while the 9-year-old was taken to the Hiawatha Community Hospital.

The driver of the pickup is identified as 24-year-old Saint Joseph, Missouri resident Dustin Williams. He was transported to the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City, Kansas, for treatment.

The Patrol says everyone involved in the wreck was properly restrained.

The wreck happened around 10:15 Friday morning.

The highway was reopened during the noon hour.

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