

Charges Filed in Fatal Doniphan Co Wreck

(MSC News)--Charges have been filed in connection with a single-vehicle wreck last November in Doniphan County that claimed the life of an 8-year-old Troy girl.

The Kansas Chief reports 57-year-old St. Joseph resident Dennis Meers has been charged with aggravated endangerment of a child stemming from the death of his granddaughter, Cadence Orcutt, in the November 22nd wreck on 175th Road about two miles west of Wathena.

Meers was arrested June 22nd on a Doniphan County warrant charging him with the felony offense and is being held in the Buchanan County Jail pending extradition.

The Kansas Highway Patrol says Meers had given the child permission to drive his car.

The Patrol says Orcutt lost control of the Chevy Cobalt for an unknown reason. The car left the roadway and went down an embankment where it overturned, landing on it's top.

Orcutt, who was not wearing a seatbelt, was pronounced dead at the scene.

Meers, who was a passenger in the car, was transported to Mosaic Life Care in St. Joseph for the treatment of possible injuries.

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