Two victims of fatal train/car collision identified

(KAIR)--Two people are dead after a train collided with a car that was stopped on Atchison County railroad tracks late Wednesday night.

According to a report from Atchison County Sheriff Jack Laurie, it happened just before midnight Thursday, in the area of River Road and 244th Road, in rural Atchison County.

Dead are 34-year-old Savannah, Missouri resident Jeremy McAfee and 38-year-old Platte City, Missouri resident Allison Richardson.

According to Laurie, when deputies arrived on the scene, they found McAfee outside the car, and he was transported by Atchison County EMS to the Atchison Hospital, where he later died.

Richardson was pronounced dead at the scene.

McAfee was driving the 2015 Hyundai Elantra at the time that investigators believe the vehicle stopped on the railroad tracks. It remains undetermined why that occurred, with the investigation ongoing.

Richardson was a passenger in the front of the car.

The investigation shows that the train was traveling around 45 mph at the time of the fatal crash.

Assisting at the scene were Atchison County EMS, Atchison County Rescue, Union Pacific Railroad Police, and other Union Pacific employees.



The 2015 Hyundai Elantra struck by a train on the railroad crossing located at River Road and 244th Road, in rural Atchison County, on the night of October 16, 2019. (Credit: Atchison Co Sheriff's Office)

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