Louisiana teen injured in Jefferson Co wreck

(KAIR)--A Wednesday afternoon single-vehicle Jefferson County wreck sent a Louisiana teenager to the hospital.

The Kansas Highway Patrol says 18-year-old Steven Lawrence, of West Monroe, Louisiana, was southbound on K-4 Highway, just north of 31st Street, when traffic was slowing for a vehicle that was turning.

The Patrol says Lawrence failed to slow down and swerved to avoid crashing into the vehicle in front of him. He lost control of his pickup truck, which went into the ditch and overturned onto its top.

A passenger in his vehicle, 16-year-old Hannah Brown, of Haughton, Louisiana, was transported by ambulance to Topeka's Stormont-Vail Hospital with what the Patrol described as possible injuries.

Lawrence was not hurt.

The Patrol said both occupants were wearing seatbelts when the wreck occurred shortly before 4:30.

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