

Child driver crashes into Atchison home

**(KAIR)--An 11-year-old girl was behind the wheel of an SUV that crashed into a mailbox, two utility poles, and a house.**

**It happened Saturday afternoon inside the Atchison city limits, at 324 Woodlawn Avenue.**

**Atchison County Undersheriff Toby Smith, in a news release, said deputies had attempted to stop the vehicle prior to the crash after the Sheriff's Office was alerted to a reckless driver in the area of U.S. Highway 73 and 310th Road.**

**When a Deputy located the SUV, it was traveling on the shoulder of the highway, and also into oncoming traffic near 286th Road, where a head-on collision was narrowly avoided.**

**The Deputy attempted to stop the vehicle, but the driver instead sped up, headed eastbound into Atchison where the wreck occurred.**

**Traveling with the 11-year-old girl was a 7-year-old child.**

**Both were transported to the Atchison Hospital by Atchison County EMS for precautionary reasons, but they suffered no injuries.**

**The house struck by the SUV incurred what Smith called significant damage.**

**Smith said the investigation revealed that the girl had taken the vehicle from Huron without her guardian's knowledge.**

**Both children were released to guardians.**

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