

Stolen truck involved in pursuit, house damage, recovered
(KAIR)--A stolen pickup truck, at the heart of a late Tuesday morning pursuit complete with a crash into an Atchison home, has been recovered.

According to a release from Atchison Police Chief Mike Wilson, the two-tone brown 2012 Ford pickup truck, which had originally been reported stolen in Leavenworth, was recovered Tuesday in Missouri, located on Old Highway Road adjacent to Highway 45, just south of Sugar Lake.

The driver, and probable thief, is not yet publicly identified.

Wilson said the Atchison Police Department and the Leavenworth County Sheriff's Department "have a joint investigation underway as leads are being followed."

The pursuit began around 10:30 Tuesday morning when Atchison Police were notified that the stolen truck was heading toward Atchison.

Spotted first by a Kansas Highway Patrol Trooper southwest of Atchison, on U.S. Highway 59 near Cargil, the pursuit went west of Atchison, with the Trooper eventually losing sight of the truck, which was next spotted near the area of 17th and Country Club Road where it was eastbound on Country Club and turned south onto 17th Street. From there, the truck went southbound, continuing to Main Street, where it crossed the street to Chestnut, lost control, and crashed into a home. According to Atchison Fire Chief Patrick Weishaar, "the front of the residence had been demolished" when his crews arrived on the scene about 11:10 Tuesday morning, adding that "the vehicle then backed out and continued down Chestnut Street, leaving a trail of debris before exiting" the neighborhood.

No one was seriously hurt, though the resident was treated at the scene.

The truck then headed to 18th and Main where it went westbound on Main, with the driver fleeing west of the city before returning, eastbound on Main Street. The truck then went to 4th and U.S. Highway 59 where it crossed the Amelia Earhart Bridge into Missouri, where it was later recovered.

Anyone with information related to the case should contact authorities at 913-367-4323.