Wamego man killed in 3-vehicle Pottawatomie Co wreck

(KNZA)--An early Wednesday evening three-vehicle collision in Pottawatomie County claimed the life of a Wamego man and left four others injured.

The Kansas Highway Patrol says it happened on U.S. 24 highway, just east of Wamego, around 5:30.

The Patrol reports an eastbound pickup truck driven 37-year-old Randy Tinkel had stopped to make a left turn. A SUV was slowing as it came up behind the pickup when a semi tractor-trailer struck the SUV and pickup from behind.

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

Three passengers in his vehicle, his 36-year-old wife, Jillian Tinkel, and his two sons, ages 2 and 7, were transported to area hospitals for the treatment of suspected serious injuries.

The driver of the SUV, 34-year-old St. Mary's resident Megan Schindler, was transported to a Topeka hospital with suspected serious injuries.

The semi driver, from Lecompton, was not hurt.

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