Car crashes into pond; driver escapes unhurt

(KAIR)--A Leavenworth man was able to escape unharmed from the vintage sports car he was driving that crashed into an Atchison County pond.

According to a report from Atchison County Sheriff Jack Laurie, it happened in the early evening of November 22, when 18-year-old Isaiah Gelman was operating a 1971 Fiat Spider, traveling northbound in the 9000 block of U.S. Highway 59.

The report explains that the car left the pavement, running onto the gravel shoulder, causing Gelman to overcorrect and lose control.

The car left the roadway and ran into a pond, located at 9027 U.S. Highway 59.

Gelman, Laurie says, "was able to escape without injury prior to the vehicle sinking to the bottom of the pond."

The depth of the pond made the recovery of the car initially impossible, but assistance from the Franklin County Water Rescue & Dive Team, this past Saturday, led to the car being located, and retrieved, from the pond.

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