Van repair attempt leaves man run over

(KAIR)--A Leavenworth man, attempting repairs on his vehicle while traveling in Atchison Tuesday evening, required hospital treatment after his Ford van ran over him.

Atchison Police Chief Mike Wilson, in a release, says the accident that left 67-year-old Thomas Sweet injured happened around 6:25 Tuesday evening, in the 1500 block of South U.S. Highway 73. It was there that Sweet, who had been southbound on the highway, pulled over onto the shoulder of the road, getting out of the van to look for the cause of a vehicle noise he was hearing. With the van still running, accidentally left in gear, Sweet climbed underneath it, with Wilson saying it was then that the vehicle moved forward, running over Sweet's legs, before stopping in an adjoining ditch.

A passerby, who saw the results of the accident, called 911, leading to response from emergency units, including Atchison County EMS.

EMS transported Sweet from the scene to St. Joseph, Missouri's Mosaic Life Care for treatment of his injuries.

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