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Teen Injured in Atchison Co. Wreck Involving ATV

A Linwood teenager was seriously injured when the all terrain vehicle he was riding was struck by a sports utility vehicle on U.S. 59 highway in Atchison County Saturday morning.

The Kansas Highway Patrol says 16-year-old James Handke was riding his Kawasaki ATV southbound on the right hand shoulder of the highway about one mile west of Cummings when he turned left in front of a southbound Ford Expedition driven by 53-year-old Linda Buttron of Nortonville.

Handke was flown by Lifenet to Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City with disabling injuries. Buttron was not hurt.

The accident was reported shortly after 10:30 a.m.

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