Police Chase Leads to Deadly Crash

(MSC News)---A Jefferson County man is accused of leading police on a pursuit early Thursday morning that ended in a deadly three-vehicle crash in downtown Topeka.

The Topeka Capital Journal reports 62-year-old Sherman Jenkins was driving a stolen pickup truck when an officer attempted to stop him. Jenkins took off and lead police on a "low speed" chase through north Topeka.

After taking the Kansas Avenue Bridge, police used spike strips to flatten his tires. Jenkins was then involved in a three-vehicle wreck at Southwest 6th and Topeka Boulvard.

A passenger in one of the vehicles struck by Jenkins, identified as 34-year-old Topeka resident Mia Holden, died from injuries. Three others, including Jenkins, suffered non-life threatening injuries.

Police say upon Jenkins release from the hospital, he will be booked into the Shawnee County Jail on charges of first-degree murder, fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer, two counts of aggravated battery, driving on a revoked license and other traffic violations.