

Semi Loaded with Hogs Overturms



(KNZA)--The driver of a semi tractor-trailer loaded with market hogs escaped serious injury Tuesday morning when the rig overturned on a curve on U.S. 36 Highway, south of the Hiawatha Wal-Mart store.

Brown County Sheriff John Merchant says the wreck was reported around 7:00.

Merchant said the eastbound semi was loaded with about 180 head of hogs. Around 30 were killed in the crash.

He says emergency personnel who responded to the wreck contained the loose pigs off the south side of the highway in the right-of-way. Merchant says a county resident responded to the location with a portable corral, which was quickly set up. With the number of emergency services personnel at the scene, he says the pigs were then quickly contained and loaded up by the owners.

A Kansas Highway Patrol trooper at the scene told MSC News that the semi driver from Pawnee City, Nebraska received minor injuries but refused medical treatment.

The Patrol investigated the wreck.

Responding to the scene were the Brown County Sheriff's Department, Kansas Highway Patrol, Hiawatha Fire Department, Squad 48 and Town and Country EMS. The Kansas Department of Transportation assisted with traffic control.

Merchant says U.S. 36 was only shut down for a short period of time in order to enable wrecker crews to remove the semi and trailer.

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