

Car Wrecked and Burned; Driver Not Found

(KAIR)--A vehicle is found on fire in a ditch, but the driver is absent, leading the Atchison County Sheriff's Office to open an investigation into exactly what happened.

According to Sheriff Jack Laurie, his office received a call about the burning vehicle shortly before 3:00 Wednesday morning after it was discovered at Morton and 310th Roads.

The preliminary investigation indicates the vehicle was eastbound on 310th Road, when it left the roadway and struck a culvert marking sign and a concrete culvert railing.

Laurie, late Wednesday morning, told MSC News the driver had still not been located, but new details regarding the vehicle had emerged. "We did get the VIN off the vehicle, but we're still working to figure it out. We traced it a little bit, but we're not getting much on that, or how it would end up here if it was last registered in North Carolina."

The vehicle is believed to be a white or light colored 1996 to 1999 Ford Taurus. "We didn't have any signs of anybody being injured out there," Laurie said. "Of course, with the vehicle being burned as bad as it was, there's not much there."

Anyone who has any information related to the investigation should notify the Atchison County Sheriff's Office.

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