

Police pursuit ends with crash & charges for teen

(KAIR)--A Leavenworth teen is facing numerous charges – including auto theft – following a police pursuit that ended with the vehicle he allegedly stole crashing into an Atchison restaurant.

That restaurant was Mueller's Locker room, located at 120 South 2nd Street.

Atchison Police Chief Mike Wilson says the incident began at 3:30 Saturday morning, after an officer observed a vehicle driving recklessly in the downtown area.

He said the officer attempted to stop the 2001 Chrysler passenger car as it proceeded east on Main Street. Wilson says the driver failed to negotiate the second main curve, and struck the building.

He says the 17-year-old driver, Tyler Chappell, was taken into custody at the scene on charges of theft, reckless driving, fleeing and attempting to elude, and other traffic offenses. He was released to juvenile intake.

Wilson says it was later learned the car had been stolen several hours earlier from a residential area in Leavenworth.

He says the wreck caused significant damage to a gas meter and protective rail on the southwest corner of the building.

Additionally there was some damage done to the exterior brick wall of the restaurant, which carried through to the interior wall.

The Atchison Fire Department also responded to the incident to assist with shutting off the gas.

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