

Child driver crashes into Atchison home

(KAIR)--An 11-year-old girl was behind the wheel of an SUV that crashed into a mailbox, two utility poles, and a house.

It happened Saturday afternoon inside the Atchison city limits, at 324 Woodlawn Avenue.

Atchison County Undersheriff Toby Smith, in a news release, said deputies had attempted to stop the vehicle prior to the crash after the Sheriff's Office was alerted to a reckless driver in the area of U.S. Highway 73 and 310th Road.

When a Deputy located the SUV, it was traveling on the shoulder of the highway, and also into oncoming traffic near 286th Road, where a head-on collision was narrowly avoided.

The Deputy attempted to stop the vehicle, but the driver instead sped up, headed eastbound into Atchison where the wreck occurred.

Traveling with the 11-year-old girl was a 7-year-old child.

Both were transported to the Atchison Hospital by Atchison County EMS for precautionary reasons, but they suffered no injuries.

The house struck by the SUV incurred what Smith called significant damage.

Smith said the investigation revealed that the girl had taken the vehicle from Huron without her guardian's knowledge.

Both children were released to guardians.

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