

Injuries avoided in Atchison plane crash

(KAIR)--Injuries were avoided after a pilot lost control of an airplane early Wednesday evening and crashed into a field as he attempted to take off from Atchison's Amelia Earhart Airport.

“The pilot said that he just wasn't able to get the plane to take off, off the ground, and it just came across and crashed into the embankment,” Atchison County Sheriff Jack Laurie told MSC at the scene of the crash, which happened shortly after 5:00. “He took off on the runway, came straight north, and just couldn't get it to pull up and landed it back over here, on this side. We'll handle the investigation from here, and then turn it over to any other authorities that would like to have a copy of it.”

The airplane, identified as a 1974 Cessna AGtruck, is owned by McElwain Sprayers.

A [post](#) on the company's Facebook page refers to the aircraft as “Tweety.”

The pilot is identified by Laurie as Saint Joseph, Missouri resident Justin Keith Haller.

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