

St. Marys man hit by motorcycle

(KMZA)--A St. Mary's man was seriously injured Wednesday evening after he was struck by a motorcycle in the Pottawatomie County community.

The Kansas Highway Patrol reports 32-year-old Raphael Byrd, of Chattanooga, Tennessee, was traveling eastbound on U.S. 24 Highway at a high rate of speed when he entered the St. Mary's city limits.

The Patrol says Bryd entered the westbound lane to avoid a stopped car in the eastbound lane and struck 27-year-old Robert Simonton, who was walking. Bryd then struck an unoccupied parked car head-on.

Both Bryd, who was not wearing a helmet, along with Simonton were taken to Topeka's Stormont-Vail Hospital with what the Patrol described as disabling injuries.

The crash happened around 6:15 Wednesday evening.

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