College student killed in Leavenworth Co crash

(KAIR)--A Leavenworth County crash has claimed the life of a University of Kansas student.

The Kansas Highway Patrol says 20-year-old Charlie Gillis, of St. Louis, died Tuesday at a Kansas City hospital from injuries received in a Monday afternoon three-vehicle wreck at the intersection of U.S. 24 Highway and 166th Street near Bashor.

The Patrol says a semi tractor-trailer pulled out in front of Gillis' sport utility vehicle. Gillis struck the middle axle of the truck, spun out and hit the front of another vehicle.

The semi driver, 63-year-old Dale Fryman, of Leavenworth, and the driver of the third vehicle were not hurt.

The crash remains under investigation.

The Kansas City Star reports the crash occurred as Gillis was returning to the Lawrence campus after spending homecoming weekend at his alma mater in St. Louis.

He was a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

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