

Charges to be filed in fatal SE Neb collision

(KLZA)--The Otoe County Attorney's Office is expected to file formal charges against a 54-year-old man suspected in a hit-and-run crash Sunday night in Otoe County that killed a 32-year-old Auburn woman and her 15-year-old step-daughter.

A sport utility vehicle and a pickup in which the victims were riding collided on U.S. Highway 75 near Nebraska City. Killed in the wreck were 32-year old Rachel Curry and 15-year-old Chloe Curry. Chloe Curry was a student at Johnson County Central school in Tecumseh.

The driver of the pickup, 39-year-old Michael Curry, was taken to the St. Mary's Hospital in Nebraska City.

The alleged driver of the sport utility vehicle was Rickie E. Anthony of Douglas County, Nebraska who had been living temporarily in Falls City. According to a report from the Otoe County Sheriff's Office, Anthony received a ride from the scene of the crash to Falls City. He was located about 11:00 Sunday night in Falls City.

The SUV involved in the collision was registered to Armbruster Motor Company of Falls City, and had been loaned to a female acquaintance of Anthony's. When contacted Sunday night by law enforcement, the woman informed investigators that Anthony was driving the SUV from Falls City to Omaha Sunday evening to visit family.

It is believed the northbound SUV crossed the center line of Highway 75, continued across the southbound lane of traffic and onto the southbound shoulder of the highway. The Curry pickup is believed to have taken evasive action moving across the center line and into the northbound lane of traffic. The two vehicles collided near the center of the roadway as the SUV swerved back toward the northbound lane causing excessive damage to the passenger sides of both vehicles.

Anthony was booked into the Otoe County Jail Monday afternoon on felony charges of leaving the scene of a fatality crash; two counts of motor vehicle homicide involving reckless or willful reckless driving and a misdemeanor count of willful reckless driving.

Anthony is expected to be arraigned in Otoe County Court Friday.

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