

Weekend wreck leaves two injured

**(KAIR)--Distracted driving is being blamed for a Saturday afternoon Atchison County crash that sent two to the hospital.**

**According to a report from Atchison County Sheriff Jack Laurie, it happened on U.S. Highway 73, near Osage Road, when an eastbound vehicle, driven by 20-year-old Effingham resident Mallory Eckert, crossed into the westbound lane. That caused her vehicle to crash head-on with a van, driven by 25-year-old Leavenworth resident Lonnie Marie Folsom.**

**Eckert, whose injuries included a broken leg, was flown by LifeNet helicopter to Mosaic Life Care, in Saint Joseph, Missouri, for treatment.**

**Folsom, who incurred neck pain, was also treated at Mosaic.**

**Laurie, in the report, said Eckert stated she was distracted by using her phone at the time of the wreck, which was reported minutes after 2:00.**

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