

NYE wrecks blamed on weather

(KAIR)--Two separate New Year's Eve wrecks in Atchison County led to hospital transport, but caused no serious injuries.

Atchison County Sheriff Jack Laurie told MSC News both happened around 12:15 on the afternoon of December 31, and are being blamed on weather conditions at that time.

One of the two wrecks happened near 246th Road, as 18-year-old Winchester resident Josie Gerety was southbound on Ottawa Road.

She lost control of her vehicle on the icy road, causing the 2005 Chevrolet Colorado to leave the roadway and overturn.

One of two passengers in the vehicle, an 8-month-old child, was transported to the hospital by Atchison County EMS for a precautionary evaluation.

Gerety, and her 23-year-old passenger from Nortonville, were not hurt.

The second crash occurred on U.S. Highway 59, and involved a southbound vehicle driven by 22-year-old Savannah, Missouri resident Lindsey Proffit.

Laurie said Proffit lost control on the slushy road, sending the vehicle across the roadway where it impacted an embankment on the east side.

Proffit was transported to the Atchison Hospital for the treatment of minor injuries.

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