

Monday crash injures three, knocks out power

**(KAIR)--A mattress in the roadway is being blamed for a Monday evening Jackson County crash that sent three to the hospital and caused a power outage.**

**According to a news release issued by Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse, Onaga resident Rebecca Gilchrist was behind the wheel of a Chrysler Sebring, northbound on U.S. Highway 75, south of 126th Road, near Hoyt, when she struck the mattress.**

**Morse said that caused the car to cross the median, and both southbound lanes of the highway, before severing a telephone pole on the west side of the highway.**

**The 19-year-old Gilchrist and her two passengers, 21-year-old Michelle Hosler and 32-year-old Vernon Tyrell, both of Topeka, were all transported by EMS for treatment at a Topeka hospital.**

**Morse called their injuries non-life-threatening.**

**The severed telephone pole caused a power outage in southern Jackson County.**

**The wreck happened around 6:15 Monday evening.**

**The Hoyt, Mayetta, and Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Fire Departments, the Kansas Highway Patrol, Jackson County EMS, and the Sheriff's Office, all assisted at the scene.**

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