Icy road blamed for three vehicle crash

(KAIR)--Thursday's icy roads are blamed for a three vehicle, Jefferson County crash that left three with possible injuries.

According to a report from the Kansas Highway Patrol, two vehicles, one driven by 78-year-old James Meredith, of Berryton, Kansas and the other driven by 20-year-old Jacob Keane, of Perry, were both westbound on U.S. Highway 24, just east of Barton Road, when Meredith lost control of his Ford F150 on the icy road, causing it to crash into Keane's Saturn car, which ran off the roadway to the left, into the center median, where it overturned on it's side, while crashing into a Dodge Challenger, driven by 41-year-old Teresa Leonard, of Perry. The Challenger had slid off the roadway and was stopped in the center median prior to the crash, with Leonard outside the vehicle at the time it was hit.

Meredith's pickup, meanwhile, ran off the roadway and crashed into the north ditch before overturning several times.

A pedestrian at the scene, 53-year-old Brian Shea, of Perry, suffered a possible injury, complaining of pain, but was not transported. The Patrol says Shea had stopped to assist Leonard.

Meredith was transported to Topeka's Stormont Vail for the treatment of a possible injury. His two passengers escaped unhurt. Keane was also taken to the Topeka hospital with a possible injury.

Seatbelts were being worn by the drivers, according to KHP, at the time the wreck, which occurred around 9:40 Thursday morning.

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