

Weekend wreck leads to Brown Co charges for one

(KNZA)--An apparently damaged Toyota 4-Runner, stopped in Fairview Saturday night, drew the attention of a Brown County Sheriff's Deputy who observed defective headlights and sparks from the undercarriage, as it was earlier traveling eastbound near U.S. Highway 75 and U.S. Highway 36. The vehicle was stopped by the Deputy, who identified the driver as 18-year-old Hiawatha resident Nixon Castro.

Just two minutes after the stop, Brown County Dispatch informed officers that a rollover crash had been reported west of Fairview, with investigators learning that a Toyota Yaris, eastbound on U.S. 36, was sideswiped by an eastbound Toyota 4-Runner, the same vehicle allegedly driven by Castro. He had allegedly driven away from the wreck, leaving the roadway to travel through a soybean field where field fencing was destroyed, prior to being stopped by the Deputy.

Castro, uninjured in the wreck, was arrested on charges of DUI, transporting an open container, reckless driving, and failure to report an accident.

The driver of the Yaris was unhurt, but his two passengers suffered what Brown County Sheriff John Merchant, in a release, called "non-life threatening injuries." Both refused medical treatment.

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