

Weekend accidents injure two in Atchison

(KAIR)--Two vehicle related accidents, including one involving a pedestrian, occurred in Atchison over the weekend, with Atchison Police investigating.

According to a release from Atchison Police Chief Mike Wilson, the first occurred early Saturday afternoon, at 7th and Commercial Streets, where a 47-year-old pedestrian was struck by a GMC Yukon.

Wilson explains that the vehicle, driven by 23-year-old Bailee White, of Atchison, had been southbound on 7th Street when it struck the pedestrian, identified as Atchison resident Jill Heffley, as Heffley "was walking in the crosswalk on the south side of the intersection."

Heffley was transported by Atchison County EMS, and taken to Amberwell Atchison for the treatment of her injuries.

White was cited for failure to yield at a pedestrian crosswalk.

The accident occurred around 12:30 Saturday afternoon.

The second injury crash happened early the next morning, with Atchison Police Officers, around 1:25 Sunday morning,, responding to the scene of the crash, which happened in the 1300 block of Unity Street, at the K-7 curve, and required helicopter transport for the driver.

According to Wilson, a car, driven by 22-year-old Saint Joseph, Missouri resident Reuben Torres, "had been southbound on K-7 and due to speed the vehicle failed to negotiate the curve and struck the guardrail, went air borne, down a hill, landing on its side in a wooded area. "

Torres was first transported to Amberwell Atchison by Atchison County EMS, but then flown for further treatment at a Kansas City hospital.

Just prior to the crash, Wilson says his office was investigating an accident, allegedly involving the same driver and car, that happened in the area of Royal Road and Cardinal Circle. It was there that Wilson says a cable box and mailbox were struck, with the vehicle leaving the scene.

Wilson says both that hit and run, and the Unity Street crash, remain under investigation.

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