Hiawatha Man Killed In Wreck

A two-vehicle accident in Johnson County, Kansas early Tuesday morning claimed the life of a Hiawatha man and his passenger.

The Kansas Highway Patrol says 32-year-old Jason Richard Mees was traveling on Interstate-35 when his car left the roadway for an unknown reason.

The vehicle then entered back onto the roadway and began to roll.

Mees and a passenger, 32-year-old Jennifer Curbow of Edgerton, were ejected from the vehicle. The vehicle came to rest in the roadway.

The patrol says a southbound van driven by a Gardner, Kansas woman struck Mees' vehicle before striking Mees, who was laying in the roadway.

Mees and Curbow were pronounced dead at the scene.

The driver of the van was not hurt.

The accident was reported shortly after 1:30 Tuesday morning at Gardner.