

Car crash injuries lead to arrest

**(KAIR)--An Atchison man is in custody, arrested in connection with a wreck last summer that left his two passengers injured.**

**Atchison County Sheriff Jack Laurie, in a release, said 19-year-old Austin Hager was arrested Thursday.**

**He was taken into custody on an Atchison County District Court Warrant for charges of aggravated battery, DUI, reckless driving, and failure to stop at a stop sign.**

**The Kansas Highway Patrol investigated the July 5 crash that happened two miles west of Lancaster.**

**Traveling at what Laurie calls a high rate of speed, Hager, according to the Patrol's report, was northbound on Greeley Road, at the T-intersection at 286th Road, when he failed to stop, going straight through the intersection.**

**His Chevrolet Camaro left the roadway, struck an embankment, and then collided with a tree.**

**Hager and a passenger, 17-year-old Muscotah resident Jacob Hamilton, were taken by Atchison County EMS to Mosaic Life Care in St. Joseph, Missouri.**

**A second passenger, 18-year-old Lancaster resident Michael Baker, was flown by LifeStar helicopter to the University of Kansas Hospital in Kansas City**

**The Patrol says the three were not wearing seat belts at the time of the wreck.**

**Following his arrest, Hager was booked into the Atchison County Jail.**

**He is currently free on a \$10,000 bond.**

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