Brown Co highway reopens after semi wreck

(KNZA)--A Kansas City, Missouri truck driver suffered only minor injuries following a Thursday morning Brown County wreck, east of Hiawatha, that left a stretch of U.S. Highway 36 closed into the afternoon.

The Kansas Highway Patrol reports the semi-trailer driver, identified as 34-year-old Belal Saed Haraz, lost control and struck a bridge, as he was eastbound on the highway.

That left the semi wrecked across both lanes of U.S. Highway 36, with the trailer upright across the roadway, while the tractor was off the road, on its side.

A crane from Topeka was used to remove the semi, with that accomplished shortly before 2:00 Thursday afternoon.

The stretch of highway, from Prairie Road to Raccoon Road, was reopened around that time.

Icy roadways were reported to MSC News shortly before the wreck, which occurred around 8:50 Thursday morning.

The driver, who was wearing a seatbelt, was transported to the Hiawatha Community Hospital.

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