

Atchison rain blamed for Thursday wreck

(KAIR)--Thursday afternoon's rain is blamed for an Atchison crash that sent an Effingham man to the hospital.

According to a release from Atchison Police Chief Mike Wilson, police officers responded to the 1300 block of South U.S. Highway 73, shortly after 4:30 Thursday afternoon, following the report of a two vehicle wreck.

According to Wilson, a northbound Nissan Sentra hydroplaned, due to the rain, and crossed the median into the southbound lanes of the highway where it was struck by a Honda SUV.

A passenger in the Nissan Sentra, 28-year-old Keith Damon, had to be freed from the wreckage with the removal of one of the car's doors through the use of the Atchison Fire Department's Jaws of Life. He was transported by Atchison County EMS to Amberwell for hospital treatment.

The two drivers were not hurt.

Wilson said all three were buckled up at the time of the crash.