Multiple injuries in Jefferson Co head-on collision

(KNZA)--An early Monday evening two-vehicle collision in Jefferson County sent nine to the hospital.

The Kansas Highway Patrol says it happened on U.S. 24 Highway at Lecompton Road around 5:30.

The Patrol reports 19-year-old Xavier Hernandez, of Atchison, was driving a westbound SUV when he attempted to turn south onto Lecompton Road in front of a car driven by 26-year-old Kansas City resident Mikael Owens and struck her vehicle head-on.

Hernandez, who suffered no apparent injuries, along with three passengers in his vehicle were transported to a Topeka hospital.

Owens and four passengers in her vehicle were transported for hospitalized treatment—two with suspected serious injuries.

The Patrol reports all the occupants were buckled up at the time of the wreck.

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