Falling tools lead to Atchison Co wreck

(KAIR)--An Atchison man required hospital treatment after his Jeep was struck by an SUV that swerved to avoid hitting items falling from a utility truck Friday afternoon.

Injured was 55-year-old Brian Hord, who was transported from the U.S. Highway 73 crash site to Atchison- Amberwell Hospital for the treatment of possible neck injuries.

His Jeep, eastbound on the highway, in the 12000 block, was struck when the SUV crossed the center line. That driver, 28-year-old Mary Amey, of Prairie Village, Kansas, had been westbound on the highway when three concrete placers fell off the not-yet identified utility truck that was traveling in front of her.

Atchison County Sheriff Jack Laurie, in a report, says the falling, long wooden handle concrete construction tools caused Amey to swerve north, to the right, to avoid running them over, causing her to lose control of her SUV, which caused her to cross the centerline and collide with Hord, whose Jeep left the roadway to the south, and appeared to roll over multiple times.

Amey refused medical treatment at the scene.

According to Laurie, the investigation is continuing as his office works to determine the vehicle that lost the tools.

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