

Accused fatal crash driver free on bond

(KAIR)--An Atchison man, charged in connection with a fatal, January 2 Atchison crash that occurred during an alleged attempt to flee from police, has been released on bond.

According to court documents, 22-year-old Brandon Mann was released Friday on a \$250,000 surety bond, which was modified from Mann- original bond of \$750,000.

As part of the conditions of his release on bond, Mann must serve house arrest while monitored by GPS.

Mann- next scheduled appearance in Atchison County District Court is February 27.

Mann was arrested January 4 on an Atchison County District Court warrant charging him with murder in the first degree, aggravated battery, 2-counts of aggravated endangerment of a child, fleeing and attempting to elude, and reckless driving. Mann turned himself in at the Atchison Police Department.

Atchison Police Chief Mike Wilson, following Mann- January 4 arrest, explained that the “charges are the result of an investigation by the Kansas Highway Patrol and the Atchison Police Department relating to [an] early morning traffic accident that resulted in the death of 20-year-old Jacey Paris” of Atchison.”

Paris was one of three passengers traveling with Mann. The other two, aged 15 and 16, were injured and transported, along with Mann, for hospital treatment following the wreck.

Hours after the crash, Wilson explained that an officer on patrol, around 2:10 on the morning of January 2, “observed a vehicle driving recklessly at 6th and U.S. Highway 59,” with the officer attempting to stop the vehicle. Instead, it- alleged that Mann fled north on 4th Street, with the officer then locating the vehicle after it crashed in the 900 block of North 4th Street.

According to Wilson, the vehicle had left the roadway and landed on its top, leading to Paris’ death and to the injuries for the other occupants.