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Two Vehicle Accident Claims A Life In Meade County

One person was killed and three others hurt in a head-on crash on a stretch of highway in southwest Kansas.

It happened around 1:40 a.m. on U.S Highway 54, about two and a half miles east of Meade. The Kansas Highway Patrol said a Chevy Cavalier was heading east on the highway, veered left of center and struck an oncoming Mazda 3 head-on.

A passenger in the Chevy was taken to a hospital where she later died. She has been identified at 21-year-old Sarah Hemauer. The driver, 22-year-old Cade Hemauer, and another passenger, 21-year-old Braden Hemauer, were also hospitalized. Reports state the three are from Chilton, Wisconsin.

The driver of the Mazda, 21-year-old Erin Nicole Padgett of Meade, was taken to a nearby hospital for treatment.

The crash is still under investigation. The patrol said everyone involved was wearing a seatbelt.

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