

Crash injures driver in Story County

A single-vehicle crash early Sept. 27 left the driver with critical injuries.

Ryan Utesch, 21, Ames, was southbound on 510th Avenue (R-38) near Kelley at a high rate of speed when he lost control of the 1996 Chevrolet Corvette he was driving, entered the ditch, and rolled over numerous times. Utesch was not wearing a seatbelt and was thrown from the vehicle. He received critical injuries and was transported by ambulance to Mary Greeley Medical Center in Ames. A passenger in the Utesch vehicle, Krysia Burnett-Larkins, 18, Ames was also injured, but managed to walk to a nearby residence to summon help.

She was also transported to Mary Greeley. The crash happened at about 1:30 a.m. near the intersection of 510th Avenue and 280th Street, and it remains under investigation by the Story County Sheriff's Office.