

A toddler's car seat sits next to this 1996 Dodge Grand Caravan Wednesday afternoon after it rolled onto its top 1.7 miles west of U.S. Highway 83 on Seward County Road 9. The 23 year-old passenger, Karla Y. Lara, and a 4-year-old boy were transported to Southwest Medical Center for "possible injuries," according to a Kansas Highway Patrol report. The car seat was most likely removed by emergency responders, as the report noted all the children, three boys and a girl were utilizing safety restraints, according the KHP report. L&T photos/Robert Pierce

Roll-over sends woman, child to hospital with 'possible injuries'

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A van filled with two women and four toddlers ranging in ages from 1 to 4 rolled Wednesday afternoon northwest of Liberal, but fortunately, only two were taken to Southwest Medical Center for treatment of "possible injuries," according to a report from the Kansas Highway Patrol.

Veronica T. Garcia, 26, of Ulysses, was driving a 1996 white Dodge Grand Caravan westbound on Seward County Road 9 around 4 p.m. 1.7 miles west of U.S. Highway 83 when the van entered the south ditch and then came back onto the roadway. Garcia then "overcorrected and the vehicle re-entered the south ditch, causing the vehicle to make half a roll coming to rest on its roof," according to the report.

The other female passenger, Karla Y. Lara, 23, also of Ulysses, was transported to the hospital with "possible" injuries.

The children in the van at the time of the incident included three boys, ages 1, 2, and 4, and a girl age 4.

The 4-year-old boy was also taken to Southwest Medical Center for "possible" injuries, while the other three were reported to have "no injuries."

The report also noted all four children were utilizing safety restraints, while the two women were not.



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Firemen standby as traffic on Road 9 is routed around the scene of Wednesday's roll-over northwest of Liberal. L&T \square photos/Robert Pierce