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A train hit a stalled vehicle Friday night, and fortunately, there was nobody in the car when it was struck. The reason the auto was on the truck was the result of a freak mishap, according to a report from Liberal Police Capt. Patrick McClurg.

“On Friday, at about 11:39 p.m., emergency responders were dispatched to Pershing Avenue at the railroad tracks for a report of a vehicle that had been struck by a train,” McClurg noted. “Responding officers located a red 2001 Mitsubishi Eclipse that had been struck. The vehicle was unoccupied at the time of the collision, and there were no reported injuries.

“Investigating officers learned that the Eclipse had broken an axle as it was crossing the railroad tracks, and the occupants of the vehicle attempted to push the vehicle off the tracks, but were unable to move it,” McClurg continued. “A train struck the Eclipse before additional help could be summoned to remove the vehicle from the tracks.”