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On Duty Kearney Police Officer Injured by Gunshot at CHI GSH Emergency Room

On Friday, February 2, 2024 at approximately 5:50 pm, KPD Officers were called to Richard Young Hospital at 1755 Prairie View Place, to assist with a 32 year-old-female possibly suffering from a mental health crisis. KPD officers located the female walking around 43rd street and 17th Avenue a few minutes later. KPD Officers immediately requested an ambulance and the female was transported to CHI Good Samaritan Hospital Emergency Department by ambulance.

The preliminary investigation revealed while inside the CHI Good Samaritan Emergency Department with two KPD officers, the female became combative with Officers and hospital staff. While attempting to gain control of the female, she accessed one of the KPD Officer's duty firearm and a single gunshot was fired into the officer's right leg. The female subject involved was placed into custody. The female subject sustained minor injuries during the incident. The injured officer was immediately treated for non-life-threatening injuries by CHI Good Samaritan Hospital Staff and remains hospitalized.

In accordance with department policy, the Kearney Police Department has requested the Buffalo County Sheriff's Office to investigate this incident as part of the South-Central Area Law Enforcement Services agreement. KPD and BCSO are also being assisted by the Buffalo County Attorney's Office.

This is an ongoing investigation; additional details will be released as available and appropriate.

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