

MEDIA RELEASE

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Early Saturday morning the KBI was contacted by the Galena police department and Cherokee County sheriff's office and asked to investigate an officer involved fatal shooting. The deceased has been identified as Timothy Michael Fry, DOB 5/28/63 of 401 Washington, Galena, Kansas. The autopsy was conducted yesterday in Shawnee County.

It is reported that after an almost 2 hour standoff with a barricaded subject in his home, 5 officers from the Galena police department and the Cherokee county sheriff's office confronted the individual who was armed with a knife. The individual reportedly lunged at the officers and was shot and killed.

The investigation by the KBI is continuing. Due to forensic examinations the final results will not be available for several weeks. When completed the investigation will be turned over to prosecutorial authorities for appropriate action. Any further news releases will be handled by the Cherokee County Attorney's office.

However, news accounts have repeated a factual error that should be corrected. It has been reported that the evidence custody receipt and search warrant return indicate that the knife was found at a different location in the house than where the shooting took place. Such reports merely indicated the location where the item of evidence was seized by the reporting KBI investigator - not where the item was originally found by the responding officers. It is standard law enforcement practice to immediately disarm a wounded subject and remove any weapons to a safe location.

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