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UPDATE: Smith County officer involved shooting suspect arrested

SMITH COUNTY – The 15-year-old who was injured in the Dec. 15 officer involved shooting incident in Smith Center has been arrested.

Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) agents served an arrest warrant for the teen at around 5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17, at Saint Francis Community Services, 5097 W. Cloud St. in Salina, Kan., where he had been held since his release from a Kearney, Neb. hospital. The juvenile was arrested for attempted first-degree murder, aggravated kidnapping, and aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer.

Following his arrest, the suspect was transported to the Sedgwick County Juvenile Detention Facility where he will be housed.

Additional charges are possible. Any further information on the case will come from the Smith County Attorney's Office.

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UPDATE: Smith County officer involved shooting

SMITH COUNTY – The condition of the 15-year-old injured in the Dec. 15 officer involved shooting incident is currently serious, but stable. He remains in a Kearney, Neb. hospital.

The investigation is ongoing. Nothing further will be released at this time.

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**KBI investigates attempted murder in Smith Center, and
officer involved shooting that followed**

SMITH COUNTY – The Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) is investigating the attempted murder of a woman in Smith County, as well as an officer involved shooting which occurred as police attempted to apprehend the 15-year-old suspect.

Preliminary information indicates that on Dec. 15 just after 10:20 a.m., the Smith County Sheriff's received a 911 call and responded to 10021 O Road in Smith Center. Upon arriving, they located a 66-year-old white female victim who reported being restrained, beaten, and strangled. She was taken to a local hospital, and is expected to recover.

The suspect, a 15-year-old black male, fled the area on horseback. When he was located by Kansas Highway Patrol troopers at 100 Road and L Road, in Smith County, he was armed with a firearm. KHP and Smith County Sheriff's deputies spent a few hours attempting to apprehend the suspect. Then just before 2:20 p.m. the suspect fired at troopers. Two troopers returned fire, striking the subject.

They rendered medical aid and EMS responded. EMS transported him to a local hospital. He was then flown to a Kearney, Nebraska hospital where he underwent surgery. His condition is currently unknown. The identity of the subject will be withheld because he is a juvenile.

No law enforcement officers were injured during the incident.

This investigation is ongoing. No further information will be released at this time.

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