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UPDATE: Arrest made in shooting along Highway 150

CHASE COUNTY – The Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) and the Chase County Sheriff's Office announced that a Milford man was arrested connected to a shooting that occurred along Kansas Highway 150 in Chase County.

Eric J. McClure, 38, of Milford, was arrested by officers from the Emporia Police Department at approximately 11:15 a.m. Tuesday, May 17, after being released from Newman Regional Health in Emporia.

McClure was arrested for suspected aggravated battery, three counts of aggravated assault, felon in possession of a firearm, and circumvention of an ignition interlock device. The charges allege he shot at an SUV on Highway 150 on the morning of Friday, May 13, injuring a 33-year-old man from Emporia, and placing three other men in the vehicle at risk.

Following the arrest, McClure was booked into the Lyon County Jail. The investigation remains ongoing.

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Shooting along Highway 150 in Chase County

CHASE COUNTY – The Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI), the Chase County Sheriff's Office, and the Kansas Highway Patrol (KHP) responded following a shooting that occurred early Friday morning along Kansas Highway 150 in Chase County.

On Friday, May 13, at around 6:15 a.m., the Chase County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call from a male subject reporting that a passenger in their vehicle had been shot. Deputies from the Chase County Sheriff's Office and KHP troopers responded to mile marker 13 on Highway 150. Upon arrival they found a 33-year-old man, from Emporia, suffering from a gunshot wound to his right hip. EMS transported the victim to an Emporia hospital.

KBI agents responded to the scene. After conducting a preliminary investigation it appears that four men were carpooling to work from Emporia, heading west toward McPherson in a grey 2015 Nissan Murano. As the SUV's driver passed a black 2015 Ford Explorer, that appeared broke down on the side of the road, the occupants in the Murano heard loud bangs. Then the rear right passenger realized that he had been shot.

When law enforcement officers examined the Ford Explorer it was unoccupied, so they began searching the pasture areas around the highway. After searching for a while, they found a 38-year-old male suspect, from Milford, Kansas, lying face down and unconscious in a creek. They administered naloxone which revived him. He was then transported to the hospital in Emporia.

Authorities conducted an extensive search of the scene and located a handgun in the water, not far from where the suspect was discovered.

The man who was shot was treated for his injuries and has been released from the hospital. The suspect remains hospitalized. It is not believed that the two men had any prior contact.

An arrest and charges are expected, but pending at this time.

The investigation is ongoing.

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