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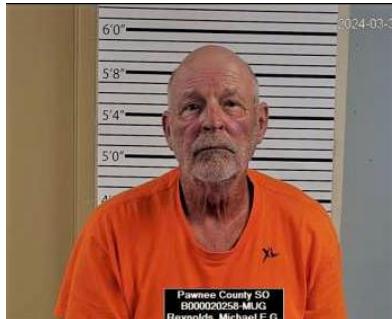
## **Victim identified in Pawnee County homicide investigation**

PAWNEE COUNTY – The Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) and the Pawnee County Sheriff's Office are conducting a homicide investigation after a weekend shooting in Pawnee County.

On Saturday, March 30, around 5 p.m., Dr. Tomas Garza, 52, of Larned, was shot multiple times during an argument with Michael Reynolds, 67, of Larned. The shooting occurred at 1219 Kansas Highway 19 South, in rural Pawnee County. Garza was transported to an area hospital but died of his injuries.

Reynolds was arrested at the scene for second-degree murder and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. He was booked into the Pawnee County Jail. Formal charges are pending.

All subjects are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. The investigation is ongoing.



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**EARLIER RELEASE**  
**March 31, 2024**

### **OFFICIAL RELEASE OF THE PAWNEE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE** **FOR IMMEDIATE PUBLICATION**

March 31, 2024

Larned, Kansas – Just after 5:00 p.m., on March 30, 2024, emergency dispatch was notified of a shooting that had just occurred at a property on K19 Highway South near Larned, Kansas. The

Pawnee County Sheriff's Department, Larned Police Department, Kansas Highway Patrol and Pawnee County EMS responded to the scene where they discovered one male gunshot victim. The individual was transported to the Pawnee Valley Community Hospital where he later passed due to his injuries.

The Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) is assisting in the investigation at the request of the Pawnee County Sheriff. Special agents from the KBI processed the crime scene. A formal autopsy has been ordered.

Michael Reynolds, 67 of Larned, was taken into custody at the scene without incident, on preliminary charges of Intentional Murder in the Second Degree and Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon. He is being held at the Pawnee County Jail.

Out of respect for the families involved, no additional information will be released by my office until the time of a formal charging decision. A formal press release is expected later from the KBI.

All defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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