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UPDATE: Converse Located in Tulsa

TULSA, Okla. – The Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI), and the Iola Police Department, announced that Ben Converse, the person of interest connected to the murders of Molly Wilson and John Tadlock of Iola, Kan., was located in Tulsa, Okla. this evening.

The KBI, the Tulsa Police Department, and the Broken Arrow Police Department located Converse at approximately 5:15 p.m. on Friday evening. Once located, he fled law enforcement on foot. As law enforcement officers approached him near 66th Street and Mingo in Tulsa, he turned toward them and shot himself with a handgun.

Converse was transported to a Tulsa hospital, where he is currently being treated for a life threatening, self-inflicted gunshot wound.

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

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KBI asks for assistance following homicides in Allen County

ALLEN COUNTY– The Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI), the Iola Police Department, and the Allen County Sheriff’s Office are investigating after an Iola man and his daughter were discovered deceased in their home Thursday evening.

Just after 5 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 27, the Iola Police Department responded to 114 S. Kentucky in Iola, to the report of two subjects who were found deceased. Upon arrival, officers discovered the victims who had died from apparent gunshot wounds. The Iola Police

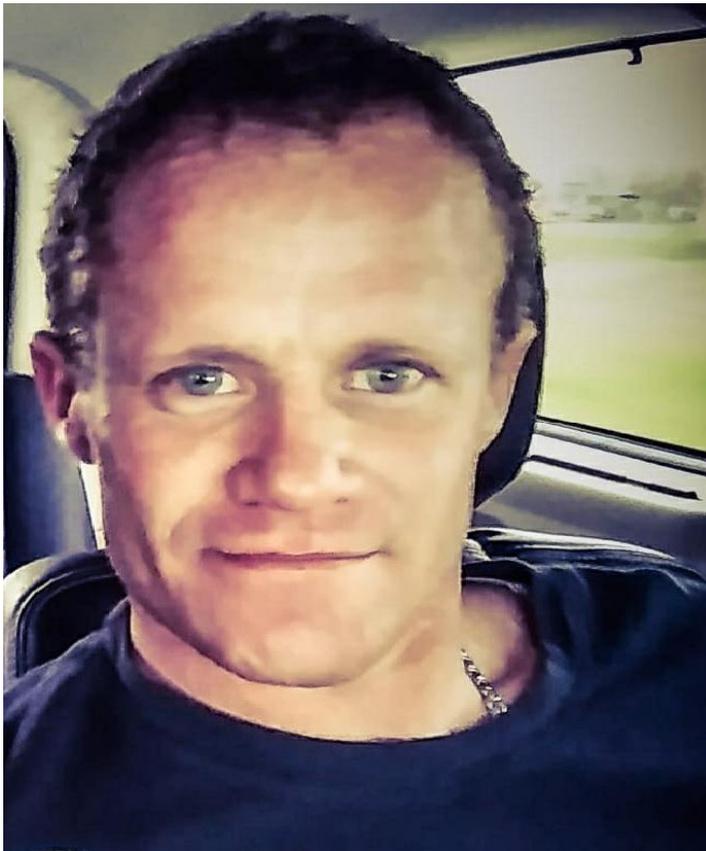
Department requested KBI assistance at approximately 5:10 p.m., and special agents and the Crime Scene Response Team responded to the scene.

The deceased female was identified as 36-year-old Molly E. Wilson. The deceased male was identified as 69-year-old John Tadlock.

A person of interest has been identified connected to the case and authorities are working to locate him at this time. If anyone knows the whereabouts of 38-year-old Ben Converse, they are asked to contact the Iola Police Department at 620-365-4960. Converse is a white male, 5 ft. 9 in. tall, and approximately 175 lbs. He has hazel eyes. Converse may be driving a maroon 2011 Kia Forte with Kansas license plate 509 KZS. He may be in the Oklahoma area. If you see Converse or the vehicle, please do not approach, but contact police.

A photo is included below.

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