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Ref: Officer Involved Shooting-Topeka Kansas (04/10/2015)

On April 10, 2015, at approximately 9:24 p.m., Officers with the Topeka Police Department responded to a reported carjacking at 6011 SW 29th, the Hy-Vee Gas Station. The suspect left the area in the victim's vehicle after pointing what was described as an assault rifle at them.

At 10:07 p.m., an off duty uniformed Topeka Police Officer in a marked patrol vehicle observed and attempted to stop an erratic driver who was eastbound on K-4. The driver, who subsequently was determined to be the suspect from the prior event, lost control resulting in an accident in the 2300 block of Auburn Road in Shawnee County. A citizen stopped their vehicle near the police officer's vehicle and was approached by the suspect. The suspect armed with a rifle ordered the victim to get out of their vehicle and the suspect proceeded to steal this car.

A short time later, the suspect encountered officers at I-70 & Wanamaker Road, which resulted in an officer's patrol vehicle and a civilian's vehicle being rammed by the suspect. The suspect then opened fire at several Topeka Police and Capital Police officers as they arrived in the area. Officers returned fire, striking the suspect multiple times. The suspect was transported to a local hospital.

The Kansas Bureau of Investigation was requested and is currently assisting the Topeka Police Department, the Shawnee County Sheriff's Office and the Kansas Highway Patrol with this investigation.

The suspect has been identified as 38 year old Richard B. Reed of Maple Hill, Kansas.

No officers or citizens were injured during this incident.

The investigation is on-going and no formal charges have been presented at this time. Upon completion, the Kansas Bureau of Investigation will forward the case to the Shawnee County Attorney's Office for review and/or potential criminal charges.

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