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UPDATE: Arrest in Ottawa County officer-involved shooting

WICHITA, Kan. – The Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) secured an arrest warrant for the man who fired multiple rounds in a public park in Minneapolis, Kansas, and was shot by responding Kansas Highway Patrol (KHP) troopers.

Officers from the Wichita Police Department arrested Artemas Thor Peck, 46, of Minneapolis, around 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 24, as he was released from Wesley Medical Center. Peck was arrested on an Ottawa County warrant for attempted capital murder and attempted second-degree murder.

He was transported to the Mitchell County Jail. The investigation is ongoing.

The Ottawa County Attorney will prosecute the case.

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Officer-involved shooting in Ottawa County

OTTAWA COUNTY – The Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) is investigating an officer-involved shooting that occurred in Minneapolis, Kansas, on Saturday June 22.

At approximately 8:20 a.m., on Saturday June 22, the Minneapolis Swimming Pool Manager heard three gunshots at Markley Grove Park in Minneapolis, Kan., and called 911.

At approximately 8:25 a.m., the Ottawa County Sheriff's Office and the Minneapolis Police Department were dispatched to Markley Park where an investigation into the origin of the shots began. More shots rang out as surveillance was being utilized to search for the origin of the gunfire.

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The Kansas Highway Patrol (KHP) arrived to assist when the shooter, Artemis Thor Peck, 46, of Minneapolis, ran out of his residence. Peck fired in the direction of law enforcement and the surveillance drone. Officers on scene returned fire, striking Peck multiple times. Peck was transported by ambulance to the Salina Regional Health Center, where he underwent surgery. Peck will be flown to a Wichita hospital for further surgical procedures. Peck is expected to survive the injuries.

At approximately 9:55 a.m., the KBI was notified of the officer-involved shooting and responded to investigate.

The KBI will conduct a thorough and independent investigation into this shooting. Once completed the findings will be presented to the Ottawa County Attorney for review.

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

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