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Fatal officer-involved shooting in Salina

SALINA, Kan. – The Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) is investigating an officer-involved shooting that occurred Wednesday night in Salina, Kansas.

The Salina Police Department requested the KBI conduct an investigation at around 8:45 p.m. on Wednesday, July 24. KBI agents and the Crime Scene Response Team responded to investigate.

On July 24, at approximately 7:30 p.m., officers with the Salina Police Department were dispatched to 544 N. 12th, in Salina, after learning a man with a felony warrant was at the location. When officers arrived, they made contact with the homeowner, who reported that the subject, Larry J. Wray Jr., 44, of Salina, was in the detached garage, east of the residence. Officers entered the garage and placed Wray under arrest for an outstanding warrant.

Preliminary information indicates that after Wray was taken into custody an officer heard another person inside the garage. Jesse D. Wray, 25, of Salina, was located in the garage. A K9 officer gave commands to Jesse to exit the garage, but he refused. He was holding a gun and made threats to shoot if law enforcement entered the garage. Jesse barricaded himself inside the garage. Officers backed away, set a perimeter, and called for the Salina SWAT Team to respond. Troopers from the Kansas Highway Patrol (KHP) arrived to assist.

While awaiting for the SWAT team, officers observed a fire and smoke in the garage. The large garage door opened and a female subject exited, followed by Jesse.

Gunfire was exchanged. Officers from the Salina Police Department and troopers from the KHP fired rounds that struck Jesse. He was pronounced deceased at the scene at 8:45 p.m. The woman was accessed at Salina Regional Health Center and was later released. No law enforcement officers were injured in the shooting.

The KBI will conduct a thorough and independent investigation into this officer-involved shooting. Once completed, the findings will be presented to the Saline County Attorney for review. This investigation is ongoing.

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