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CITY OF KEARNEY **PRESS RELEASE** ***For Immediate Release***

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School Shooter Hoax 9-1-1 Call

On Thursday March 2, 2023, at 8:53 A.M., a 9-1-1 call was received by the Buffalo County Communications Center reporting a shooting at Kearney High School. Kearney Police were dispatched to the school along with the School Resource Officer who was already in the building and immediately confirmed there was no shooting or active threat. Kearney Police Department has determined the call was a hoax, similar to calls received in Hastings, Grand Island, Lincoln, Columbus, Fremont and Omaha.

A trend of hoax active shooter calls have been hitting 9-1-1 call centers this week. The voice is typically a male of Middle Eastern descent and claims to be in a school building witnessing a shooting. These calls have been unsubstantiated.

As with any threat involving our schools, we work closely with the Kearney Public Schools and will investigate and respond to all threats per our standard response protocol.

All KPS students and staff at the schools are safe. No learning has been disrupted and business is operating as usual.

“Members of the Kearney Police Department take these calls very seriously along with our partners at Kearney Public Schools. We will work with our allied agencies and law enforcement partners who also experienced the same type of call today in an attempt to identify those responsible. KPD also communicated with all schools in Kearney to ensure the safety of each school and no additional calls were received. Thank you to everyone who responded and the great work from our Buffalo County Communications professionals”. – Chief Bryan D. Waugh

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