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Kearney Police Shoot Dog after Officer Bitten and Injured

On Wednesday, October 4, at approximately 10:15 p.m., Kearney Police Officers responded to an address in the 1600 Block of 10th Avenue for a report of a domestic disturbance/assault. The first Police Officer arrived and encountered a large dog in the yard. The dog aggressively approached the officer, charged, and lunged toward the officer biting the officers left knee. Acting within department policy, training and as a measure of self-defense, the police officer fired one shot from his service pistol striking and killing the dog. The dog is identified as a 200-pound, Tibetan Mastiff.

The Police Officer involved was treated and released for injuries sustained by the dog bite at Good Samaritan Hospital Emergency Room.

Kearney Police Community Service Officer/Animal Control responded and issued the owner of the dog a citation for Failure to Confine a Dangerous/Vicious Dog causing injury and an unrestrained Dog at Large. The dog was current on rabies vaccination.

While we never want to see an animal injured or killed, we are thankful the police officer involved was not more seriously injured during this incident. As with any incident involving the discharge of a firearm by a police officer, this incident will be reviewed internally by the Kearney Police Office of Professional Standards

Officers continued to investigate the original call for service. An adult female was arrested and booked at the Buffalo County Jail for 2nd Degree Domestic Assault and Use of a Weapon to Commit a Felony.

Anyone with information regarding this incident may contact the Kearney Police Department at (308) 237-2104, or through the See It Say It Send It App.