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

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### **Kearney Police Arrest Suspect in Multiple Burglaries with Assistance from US Marshals**

On the morning of October 2, 2024, Kearney Police Department officers responded to reports of overnight burglaries at two local businesses: Bread & Butter Tattoo, located at 2406 Central Avenue, and Herbal Wonder, located at 1840 E Hwy 30. Through diligent evidence collection and investigation, it was determined that the same suspect was responsible for both incidents.

KPD Investigators identified the suspect as Chance Ashmore, a 19-year-old male from the Kearney area. An arrest warrant was obtained for Ashmore on two counts of felony burglary. Investigators also learned that Ashmore had recently traveled to Montana. Working in close coordination with the U.S. Marshals Service, Ashmore was arrested early this morning at a bus stop in Billings, Montana.

During the course of these investigations, a search warrant was served on October 10<sup>th</sup> and several items of property from this case were recovered. Tim Wilson, a 40-year-old male, and Kirsty Cassidy, a 33-year-old female, both from Kearney, were booked on felony possession of stolen property connected to the burglaries.

“The teamwork to solve this case was exceptional and the police work by Uniform Patrol and Criminal Investigations was professional and diligent. The Business owners/victims shared sincere appreciation for the work from our staff to clear these cases and recover property. I couldn’t be any more proud and less surprised by the work on this case and appreciate the assistance from our allied partners.” – Chief Bryan D. Waugh

Kearney Police Department would like to thank the Buffalo County Sheriff’s Office and the U.S. Marshals Service for their valuable assistance in this investigation and apprehension.

The Kearney Police Department is committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of all residents and visitors in the City of Kearney through proactive law enforcement, community engagement, and partnerships with local, state, and federal agencies. Our goal remains to first prevent crime, however; we also focus on solving crime through the effective, professional delivery of police service.

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