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FATALITY CAR CRASH – 1200 BLOCK CENTRAL AVENUE KEARNEY

On Thursday, January 16, 2025, at approximately 7:43 p.m., the Kearney Police Department along with CHI Good Samaritan Hospital EMS, Kearney Volunteer Fire Department, and Buffalo County Sheriff's Office responded to a single car and pedestrian traffic crash in the 1200 Block of Central Avenue.

Preliminary investigation indicates a yellow 2005 Dodge Ram Truck was traveling southbound on Central Avenue and struck a pedestrian walking across Central Avenue from the east. The lone occupant and driver of the vehicle was identified as fifty-eight-year-old Edmon Gant of Kearney.

The pedestrian has been identified as eighty-three-year-old Joann Epping of Kearney. Mrs. Epping was transported to Good Samaritan Hospital by ambulance, after arriving at GSH Emergency Department, sadly, Mrs. Epping was pronounced deceased at Good Samaritan Hospital as a result of injuries sustained during the crash. Family of the deceased have been notified.

An autopsy was ordered by the Buffalo County Attorney. The driver of the vehicle, Mr. Gant, was not injured and is cooperating with the investigation. This crash remains under investigation, anyone with information is asked to contact the Kearney Police Department.

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We are sending this News Release as a service to the news media and citizens of Kearney.