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Case# 26000330

Kearney Police Arrest Suspect Involved in Terroristic Threat Incident

On Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at approximately 2:15 p.m., Kearney Police Officers responded to the 1800 block of West 43rd Street Place regarding a disturbance involving a man with a firearm.

Officers contacted two victims, a 31-year-old female and a 36-year-old male. During the investigation, officers learned that prior to the 911 call, 57-year-old Ryan Kuhn had threatened the victims with a handgun and damaged a vehicle belonging to one of them. No shots were reported to have been fired during the incident.

Due to the nature of the report, the Kearney Police Department/Buffalo County Sheriff's Office Emergency Services Unit, Hostage Negotiators, and Drone Teams were activated. Officers contacted Kuhn by telephone and determined he was inside his residence. Following a brief negotiation, Kuhn peacefully surrendered and was taken into custody without incident. A Buffalo County Search Warrant was obtained and served at Kuhn's residence, where a firearm was recovered.

Kuhn was arrested and lodged at the Buffalo County Jail on two counts of Terroristic Threats, two counts of Use of a Weapon to Commit a Felony, and one count of Criminal Mischief. The parties involved were known to each other and this was determined to be an isolated incident. There is no ongoing threat to the public.

The Kearney Police Department is committed to keeping the residents of this community safe and anyone with information related to this incident is encouraged to contact the Kearney Police Department at (308) 237-2104. KPD would also like to thank the Buffalo County Sheriff's Office and Buffalo County Attorney's Office for their assistance in this investigation.

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