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Suspicious Vehicle Fire with Injury

The Kearney Police Department and Kearney Volunteer Fire Department responded to a vehicle fire in the parking lot of the Perkin's restaurant at 609 2nd Avenue East, Kearney, NE, at approximately 11:15 p.m. on Tuesday, January 13, 2015.

A subject, later identified as Jason Warta of 45315 Kilgore Rd., Gibbon, NE, was observed running from the area. Warta was later located in the Prairie View Apartments area with severe burns to the lower portion of his body. Warta was taken to CHI Health Good Samaritan, but was later transferred to the burn unit of CHI Health St. Elizabeth in Lincoln.

The vehicle, registered to Warta was completely destroyed. The fire was determined to be of suspicious origin and remains under investigation. Mr. Warta's medical status was unknown at the time of this Press Release.

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