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Single Vehicle Fatality Crash

At approximately 4:15 p.m. on Thursday, April 22, 2021 officers of the Kearney Police Department, Good Samaritan EMS, and Kearney Fire Department were dispatched to a single vehicle crash on Platte Rd within Broadfoot's Sand and Gravel property in South Kearney. Officers located a 1997 GMC K1500 truck against a metal gate. The driver and lone occupant of the vehicle was found deceased upon arrival. The deceased has been identified as 53-year-old Robert Beam, of Kearney. Preliminary investigation revealed the vehicle was traveling east on a private access road (also referred to as Platte Rd) and collided with a partially open metal gate. The cause of the crash remains under investigation by the Kearney Police Department.

Kearney Police were assisted at the scene by members of the Kearney / Buffalo County Fatality Accident Investigation Team (F.A.I.T.), Buffalo County Sheriff's Office, CHI Good Samaritan EMS, and the Kearney Volunteer Fire Department. An autopsy has been ordered by the Buffalo County Attorney.

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