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

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*****Update*** Suspicious Activity – Kearney High School**

The person involved in attempting to gain access to Kearney High School on May 3, 2021 has been located and is in custody after an incident at the Central Nebraska Regional Airport in Grand Island. Kearney Public Schools has resumed normal operations at Kearney High School.

On May 3, 2021, an individual identified as 19-year-old Tyler Caudill of Phillips Nebraska, attempted to open the secure doors of Kearney High School and was contacted by school staff in accordance with Kearney Public Schools secure entry protocol. Caudill indicated he was there to visit a student, however; he had no legitimate reason to be on school property or listed as an authorized contact for the student and was escorted from the school grounds.

On Tuesday, May 4, 2021, Kearney Police received information from Hamilton County Sheriff's Office that Caudill had taken a family vehicle and rifle from the home and his location was unknown. Due to the incident at Kearney High School the previous day, Kearney Police notified Kearney Public Schools and the school was placed in Lockout as law enforcement attempted to locate Caudill. Information related to Caudill was shared with local law enforcement in an attempt to determine Caudill's whereabouts and wellbeing. Kearney Police worked closely with KPS staff during the day and our law enforcement partners from Buffalo County Sheriff's Office, Nebraska State Patrol, Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, and Grand Island Police Department. Kearney Police has no charges related to this incident. Once again, we appreciate the cooperation and patience as we worked to resolve this incident.

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