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

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### **Fatal Accident – Construction Site**

On Wednesday, March 2, 2022, at approximately 10:33 a.m. Kearney Police were called to Blueprint Engines construction site at 2915 Marshall Avenue, Kearney for an injury accident.

Preliminary information indicates Mr. Ron Blessing, owner of Blessing Construction, was accidentally run over by a bulldozer. Following the accident, the bulldozer continued, unattended, traveling south through a field, approximately a quarter mile until it became stuck in the north ditch along Coal Chute Road.

Witness statements and preliminary investigation indicate Mr. Blessing had been operating the bulldozer prior to the accident. Mr. Blessing was transported to CHI Good Samaritan by ambulance where he succumbed to his injuries. Family notifications have been made.

“On behalf of myself, the entire Kearney Police Department and City of Kearney, our thoughts and prayers are with the Blessing family, Blessing Construction, and all those impacted by this tragic accident.” – Chief Bryan D. Waugh

This accident remains under investigation by the Kearney Police Department, Buffalo County Sheriff’s Office Fatal Accident Investigation Team.

Deputies from Buffalo County Sheriff’s Office and Officers from the Kearney Police Department along with CHI Good Samaritan Hospital Paramedics responded to the scene.

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