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January 16, 2022 Shooting/Homicide Arrest **Update April 27, 2022**

Kearney Police Department Investigators continue to compile forensic, digital and physical evidence and conduct interviews in the homicide and attempted robbery which occurred Jan 16, 2022. An arrest warrant was recently obtained for an additional individual involved, not related to the homicide. Zachary R. Walker, 19 of Kearney, was arrested without incident on Tuesday, April 26, 2022 by the Kearney Police Department.

Walker remains in custody at the Buffalo County Jail on the following charges; 5 counts of Possession of a Firearm by a Prohibited Person, all class 1D felonies; Possession of a Defaced Firearm, class III Felony and Possession of a Controlled Substance, class IV Felony.

On Sunday, January 16, 2022, at approximately 8:38pm KPD responded to the 800 block of West 23rd street to investigate a report of gunshots in the area. Investigation revealed one person was killed and two other subjects had been shot in an attempted robbery. The deceased was identified as Jared M. Shinpaugh, 31, of Lexington. One victim, identified as Joseph Garcia, 29, of Lexington, was treated and released at Good Samaritan Hospital for a gunshot wound. It was later discovered that a resident, Joshua Morris, 18, of Kearney, was also shot during the attempted Robbery.

Investigation into the Homicide and Attempted Robbery is ongoing and additional information will follow as available. Police are still attempting to locate 24-year-old Romeo Chambers after a felony arrest warrant was issued in March for multiple charges including 2nd Degree Murder.

The Kearney Police Department have been assisted in this investigation by Buffalo County Sheriff's Office, University of Nebraska Kearney Police Department, Omaha Police Department, Lexington Police Department, Grand Island Police Department, Nebraska State Patrol Crime Lab, and the Buffalo County Attorneys Office.

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