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Use of force investigation in Kansas City

KANSAS CITY, Kan. – The Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) is investigating a death that occurred Friday afternoon in Kansas City, Kansas, during a warrant arrest.

The Kansas Highway Patrol (KHP) requested the KBI conduct an investigation on Friday, March 21, at around 4:34 p.m. KBI agents and the Crime Scene Response Team responded to the scene.

At 3:34 p.m., on Friday, March 21, KHP initiated a traffic stop on I-70 near the 7th Street exit to serve an arrest warrant for Daijon Estell, 24. During the stop, a trooper gave verbal commands for Estell to exit the vehicle. Estell did not comply with the commands, and produced a handgun. Estell fired one round, which resulted in a self-inflicted head wound. No law enforcement personnel discharged any firearms during the incident.

Troopers attempted life-saving measures until EMS arrived. At 3:43 p.m., Estell was pronounced deceased. No law enforcement officers were injured.

A small child was in the back seat of Estell's vehicle. The child was unharmed, and was safely removed from the vehicle. The child was taken by the Kansas City, Kansas Police Department to be reunited with other family members.

This independent investigation aims to discover all events leading up to the incident. In use of force cases, the KBI releases details to the public as soon as possible. This information is preliminary in nature, and is based on evidence collected and early statements of the parties involved, witnesses, medical personnel and others. It does not represent final or thorough findings which take several weeks to complete.

When this investigation concludes, case findings will be presented to the Wyandotte County District Attorney. The investigation is ongoing.

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