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On Saturday February 7, 2015, the Hugoton Police Department was dispatched to the report of a domestic disturbance within their city limits. Upon arrival, the officer attempted to stop a subject that was leaving the scene. That subject was later identified as Homero D. Baeza (36 year old male). A chase ensued but was later terminated due to the dangerous situation it was creating. Baeza returned to the scene of the original call two additional times and led officers on chases. During the third and final call, it was reported that Baeza attempted to strike one of the responding officers with his car. At approximately 10:15 P.M., after fleeing a third time, officers were led to an area approximately two (2) miles southwest of Moscow, Kansas on U.S. Highway 56 where Baeza eventually stopped. It was at this location that Baeza was shot by officers with the Hugoton Police Department. No additional information is being released at this time on the events surrounding the shooting.

Baeza was airlifted to an area hospital where he is currently in stable condition. The officers involved are on administrative leave as is customary. The Kansas Bureau of Investigation with the help of the Stevens County Sheriff's Office is leading this investigation. The investigation is on-going, and additional information will be released when available. All parties are presumed innocent pending the conclusion of this investigation and any future legal proceedings. At the conclusion of the investigation, the case will be forwarded to the Stevens County Attorney.

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