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KBI investigates officer involved shooting in Ellis County

ELLIS COUNTY – On Tuesday morning, November 8th, the Ellis County Sheriff's Office contacted the Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) at approximately 3:40 a.m. requesting an investigation following an officer involved shooting which occurred in Ellis County, Kansas.

Preliminary information indicates that an Ellis County Sheriff's Deputy was involved in a vehicle pursuit occurring along U.S. Highway 183 in northern Ellis County, near the Rooks County line. The pursuit concluded when the individual being pursued lost control of his vehicle. The occupant exited the vehicle and an altercation ensued. The Ellis County Sheriff's Deputy discharged a taser, and then fired his weapon, fatally injuring the male individual.

The Sheriff's Deputy was treated for minor injuries, but was not seriously injured in this occurrence.

The KBI will complete a thorough and independent investigation to determine what occurred in this incident. Once completed, the findings will be turned over to the Ellis County Attorney for review.

This is an ongoing investigation. No further information will be released at this time.

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