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## **Shooting at Jewell County Sheriff's Office**

**JEWELL COUNTY** –Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) agents are investigating the shooting of two Jewell County sheriff's deputies which occurred Tuesday morning at the Sheriff's Office in Mankato, Kan.

Preliminary information indicates that on Aug. 28 at approximately 7:52 a.m., a male subject, identified as Jason L. Whitson, 40, of Mankato, entered the Sheriff's Office. He walked up to the dispatch desk and requested to talk to a deputy. As a sheriff's deputy approached to speak with him, Whitson fired multiple times through a door that led into the dispatch room. Two deputies were injured during the shooting. No law enforcement officers discharged their firearms.

Whitson then fled the Sheriff's Office. Since he was recognized by personnel at the Sheriff's Office, law enforcement immediately began to locate him and the vehicle they assumed he would be driving.

At approximately 8:45 a.m., a Kansas Highway Patrol (KHP) trooper spotted Whitson's vehicle and pursued him Eastbound on US-24 Highway. When the vehicle was just south of Minneapolis, Kan., an adult female and five minor children were allowed to exit. Whitson then continued onto US-81 Highway where law enforcement used a maneuver that forced the vehicle to stop.

Once the vehicle was stopped, KHP Troopers approached it and found him suffering from a self-inflicted gunshot wound. No law enforcement officers at this scene discharged their firearms.

EMS responded and transported Whitson to an area hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Both Sheriff's deputies are expected to recover from their injuries. One deputy has been released from a local hospital. The second deputy remains at a Salina hospital, but is out of surgery and now in stable condition.

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

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