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Update on endangered person advisory issued for Hoisington girl

BARTON COUNTY – The Hoisington Police Department, the Barton County Sheriff's Office, and the Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) have found the missing girl, Iviona Lewis, age 2 of Hoisington, Kan. She has been located deceased in rural Barton county.

Agents and local law enforcement worked through the night and made an arrest at approximately 7:30 a.m. Wednesday. Chaz Stephens, age 25, of Hoisington, acquaintance of Lewis, was arrested and booked into Barton County Jail on second degree murder. Once the autopsy is complete formal charges will be filed by the Barton County Attorney's office.

Law enforcement agencies who assisted with the investigation included: the Hoisington Police Department, the Barton County Sheriff's Office, the Kansas Highway Patrol, the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism, the Hoisington Fire Department, and the Hoisington EMS.

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

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