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UPDATE: Arrest warrant issued in Goodland homicide case

SHERMAN COUNTY— The Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) and the Sherman County Sheriff's Office served an arrest warrant related to the homicide of 21-year-old Zachary Chavez, who was killed on Dec. 20.

Jesus M. Soto, 21, of Goodland had previously been in police custody at the Sherman County Jail on a warrant unrelated to this incident, but an arrest warrant was issued Friday night and was recently served to Soto for involuntary manslaughter related to Chavez's death. Soto and Chavez were friends.

The Sherman County Attorney is expected to prosecute the case. Any further information will come from the County Attorney's office.

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Homicide investigation in Goodland

SHERMAN COUNTY— The Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) and the Sherman County Sheriff's Office are currently investigating a homicide that occurred in Goodland, Kan.

The Sherman County Sheriff's Office requested KBI assistance at approximately 3:30 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 20, and special agents and the crime scene response team responded.

At approximately 12:30 a.m. Thursday, the Sherman County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call reporting that a male victim had been shot. As sheriff's deputies arrived at 5490 County Road 23, in Goodland, they discovered 21-year-old Zachary Chavez, of Tribune, suffering from a gunshot wound.

EMS transported Chavez to the Goodland Regional Medical Center. He was pronounced dead at approximately 2 a.m.

A person of interest connected to the case has been identified, and is currently in police custody.

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

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