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## MEDIA RELEASE

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Ref: **Officer Involved Shooting (Barton County, KS)**

On Saturday August 30, 2014 at around 6:40 P.M. the Barton County Sheriff's Office along with Kansas Highway Patrol responded to the 500 block of Northwest 190<sup>th</sup> Road in rural Barton County on the report of a domestic disturbance involving an armed subject. Dispatchers were told during the 911 call that the male subject had fired a gun during the domestic incident. Upon arrival deputies and troopers were approached by a male subject later identified as 71 year-old George Carson of rural Barton County, who was holding a handgun. Deputies began instructing Carson to put the handgun down, but instead Carson pointed the handgun at law enforcement and fired a round at them. Law enforcement returned fire at Carson who was struck and taken into custody. Medical personnel were on scene at the time of the shooting and transported Carson to Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington where he later died as a result of his injuries.

The Kansas Bureau of Investigation was asked to lead the investigation and responded with agents and the Bureau's Crime Scene Response team. This incident remains under investigation and pending the results from the autopsy. At the conclusion, all investigative documentation will be delivered to the Barton County Attorney's Office for review.

No law enforcement officers were injured during this incident. A Kansas Highway Patrol Trooper and a deputy with the Barton County Sheriff's Office were both placed on administrative leave as is customary during officer involved shootings.

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