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**** Media Advisory ****

Domestic Violence Call End In Traffic Fatality

At around 4:10 a.m. today officers from the Wichita Police Department responded to a domestic violence call in the 8700 block of E. Lakeland after a 42-year-old woman who lives at the residence reported being battered by her boyfriend. Prior to officers arriving, her 19-year-old son tried to intervene in the disturbance and was threatened with a pistol by the suspect.

As officers arrived at the residence they saw the suspect in the case leaving in a pickup truck. The officers immediately tried to apprehend the suspect and a brief pursuit ensued. That pursuit was terminated by a Wichita Police Department supervisor at N. Broadway and 21st Street for reasons of public and officer safety.

A short time later the driver of the pickup crashed near the intersection of 15th Street North and Arkansas when the vehicle went airborne and struck a utility pole snapping it in half. The truck came to rest in a North High School tennis court where it caught fire. Officers who arrived on the scene moments later pulled the suspect from the vehicle and immediately began to administer cardio-pulmonary resuscitation. The man was taken by ambulance to Via Christi St. Francis hospital and was pronounced deceased at 5:11 a.m.

The victim in the case is identified as 33-year-old Marcellas Childs of Wichita. His death brings to four the number of fatal traffic crashes worked by Wichita Police Officers in 2010. The investigation into the crash continues.

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