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Media Advisory

Aggravated Assault of a Law Enforcement Officer Arrest

The Wichita Police Department (WPD) arrested 33-year-old Brandon Hanafin of Wichita on charges of aggravated assault of a law enforcement officer and outstanding warrants.

At approximately 3:50 p.m. on Tuesday, a WPD Motor Unit Officer observed a 1996 turquoise Chevy Cavalier speeding in the area of Kellogg and Webb Road. The Officer attempted to stop the vehicle and Hanafin refused to stop, turning and driving westbound in the eastbound lanes of Kellogg. Hanafin then drove south on Webb Road and east on Orme to the Club Rodeo parking lot. Hanafin proceeded to drive to the rear of Club Rodeo.

The Officer then observed Hanafin driving off-road on the southwest side of Club Rodeo toward Orme. The Officer paralleled the vehicle back onto Orme. At a private drive on the south side of Orme, Hanafin made an abrupt turn and drove head on at the Officer attempting to strike him. The Officer was on his motorcycle and unable to move out of the way. The Officer fired two rounds from his duty weapon, striking only the vehicle. Hanafin then fled southbound into the grassy area and then fled on foot.

The WPD responded to the area along with the assistance of the Kansas Highway Patrol and Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office. A search of the wooded area to the southeast of Kellogg and Webb resulted in locating Hanafin. Hanafin attempted to flee again and was taken into custody with the assistance of a police patrol dog.

Hanafin received minor injuries from the police patrol dog.

The Officer is a 22-year-veteran of the WPD and has been placed on administrative leave, which is standard protocol involving police shootings.

The investigation is ongoing and will be presented to the Sedgwick County District Attorney's Office. The case number is 18C077215.

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