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Felony Murder Arrest

The Wichita Police Department (WPD) has arrested 34-year-old Kevin Palmer of Wichita on a charge of felony murder.

At approximately 12 p.m. on Saturday, officers responded to a call of a grey Ford Escape traveling westbound on Kellogg at Meridian dragging a female. Officers located the Ford Escape at Kellogg and West Street with a 13-year-old female caught on the outside of the vehicle and pronounced deceased.

The investigation revealed the female was sitting on the driver's side rear of the Escape while it was parked outside of a nearby restaurant running. Her family went into the restaurant to get food as she remained in the vehicle. Palmer got into the driver's seat and fled in the vehicle. The female attempted to exit the vehicle while it was moving. As she exited, she became caught in the seatbelt on the outside of the vehicle. Palmer continued to flee for several miles.

A citizen saw the deadly situation, called 911, and followed the vehicle. At Kellogg and West Street, Palmer stopped the Escape and fled on foot. Palmer was quickly arrested by officers arriving at the call.

"This is one of the saddest cases I have been associated with in my over 28 years of law enforcement," Chief Gordon Ramsay said. "WPD sends its thoughts and prayers to family, friends, and others affected by this tragic incident."

The investigation is ongoing, and the case will be presented to the Sedgwick County District Attorney's Office. Additionally, Palmer was previously convicted of multiple felony crimes.

The case numbers associated with the cases are 21C007528 and 21C007542.