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Fugitive Hiawatha Teen Now In Custody
(KNZA)--A wanted Hiawatha teenager is now in custody.

That word this morning from Brown County Sheriff John Merchant who says 17-year-old Braiden Guido was apprehended without incident.

He was taken into custody in the 300 Block of 8th Street in Hiawatha around 7:00 Monday morning.

Hiawatha Police and the Kansas Highway Patrol assisted with the apprehension.

The search for Guido's whereabouts began Sunday, with Merchant saying only that he was a person of interest in recent criminal activity in Brown County.

The alert for Guido's whereabouts was issued shortly after a report of shots being fired in the Fairview area on Sunday afternoon, but a direct connection between the search and the shooting has not been confirmed.

Reports regarding the shooting indicate there were no injuries.

Press release from Brown County Sheriff John Merchant

On 10-26-2014 at approximately 1:40 p.m. officers responded to a report of a reckless driver coming from Fairview on 36 Hwy. The call was then amended to a shots fired call stemming from the same incident. An officer encountered the suspects and stopped the vehicle in the vicinity of 311 N. 8th in Hiawatha. 2 of the suspects were apprehended at that location and the other suspect, Braiden Guido 17, fled to his residence at that location.

Upon investigation Walter Lee Cole, Jr, 35 Morrill was arrested on a charge of Aggravated Assault and Angel Spomer 19 of Centralia was arrested on a charge of Felony Obstruction. Also arrested stemming from this incident was Joni Spitzengal 39 and Adam Johnson 29 both of Hiawatha and both charged with Obstruction.

A search warrant was executed on the residence at 311 N. 8th and Guido was discovered in the attic by the Kansas Highway Patrol SRT team at approximately 7 a.m. this morning and was arrested.

Many law enforcement entities responded to assist and we appreciate all of the cooperation we always receive when extra assistance is needed. Thank you to Kansas Highway Patrol SRT Team, Kansas Highway Patrol surveillance plane, Iowa, Sac and Fox and Kickapoo Tribal Police, Nemaha County and Sabetha Police and Horton Police.

When an incident of this magnitude happens, many times misinformation makes its way to the public over social media from well meaning citizens and through the media from those wanting to hurry up and get a story on the wire. Also bits and pieces are heard from scanners and misinterpreted. Sometimes law enforcement does not always provide immediate information to the public as the investigation is still ongoing and we need to concentrate

our efforts on issues at hand for the safety of the public. By divulging too much information a case can be compromised and that is the reason for providing limited information at times.

In this case, no shots were ever confirmed in the city of Hiawatha and no officers were ever shot at. The location of the individual was secured by law enforcement and the entry team was called in to respond to a barricaded subject. This is pretty much standard protocol in these types of situations. Before an entry team enters a structure, attempts are made to contact the suspect, when that fails-tear gas is deployed as well as flash-bangs. This distracts the suspect which makes the apprehension safer for the officers.

We appreciate all of the support we get from the public.

This incident is still under investigation and other charges may be forthcoming.

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