

KBI investigating Marshall Co Jail escape

(KMZA)--The Kansas Bureau of Investigation is investigating following the escape of two inmates from the Marshall County Jail.

The KBI said in a news release that shortly before 4:00 Saturday afternoon inmates lit a fire in a cell, causing smoke to fill the Jail.

The KBI says two inmates, 46-year-old Jeffrey Guenther and 30-year-old Matson Hatfield, allegedly forced their way through the Jail, obtained two shotguns and then exited the Jail into the sheriff's office parking lot.

It's believed that while the two inmates were fleeing, a county employee's pickup truck was stolen at gunpoint, and shots were fired at a Marysville Fire Department truck. A responding Marysville Police Officer fired at Guenther in the fleeing truck.

Meanwhile, the KBI says Hatfield fled on a foot to a nearby home where he knew the residents and allegedly fired shots toward a man standing in front of the residence. A short time later, Hatfield surrendered.

Guenther fled the area in the stolen pickup and headed north on Highway 77, across the state line into Nebraska. He was apprehended after rolling the truck in rural Gage County near the state line.

The KBI says no one was injured during the escape or in the events following the escape.

By 6:00 Saturday evening, the remaining inmates in the Marshall County Jail had been transferred safely to the Washington County, Kansas Jail.

Formal charges have not been filed yet. The KBI says the investigation is ongoing.