

Man who died after traffic stop identified

(KNZA)--A man who died following a weekend Jackson County traffic stop has been identified.

Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse said 37-year-old Trevar Johnson, of Topeka, died following a traffic stop on U.S. 75 Highway near the Brown County line shortly before 10:00 Saturday morning.

Johnson had been the passenger in the vehicle and told a deputy on scene that he had ingested methamphetamine and needed to go to the hospital.

Johnson was rushed to the Holton Community Hospital where he died minutes later.

Morse said deputies seized a quantity of methamphetamine, marijuana, drug paraphernalia, counterfeit bills, credit cards and a handgun.

The driver, identified as 37-year-old Topeka resident Kendra Murdock, was arrested for distribution of methamphetamine, trafficking contraband into a correctional facility, possession of marijuana, possession with intent to distribute drug paraphernalia for illegal use, criminal use of weapons, counterfeiting currency, driving while suspended, and no insurance.

Murdock is currently being held in the Jackson County Jail.

As per protocol, Morse requested an outside agency to investigate the death of Johnson. The Shawnee County Sheriff's Office is in charge of the death investigation.

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