KBI investigating officer-involved shooting in Sabetha

(KNZA)--The Kansas Bureau of Investigation is investigating an officer-involved shooting that occurred Wednesday night in Sabetha.

According to a release from the KBI, preliminary information indicates that around 7:45 the Sabetha Police Department and the Nemaha County Sheriff's Office responded to the report of a man who was threatening suicide. When officers arrived at 319 N. 9th St. in Sabetha, they tried to convince the resident, 38-year-old Kelly Hall, to come outside so they could verify his welfare. He would not exit the house, so they attempted to communicate with him over their PA system.

During the incident, officers heard several pops coming from inside the residence. Attempts to communicate continued until Hall stepped outside the front door holding an air-powered nail gun. Officers and deputies ordered him to drop the nail gun. The KBI said Hall began firing nails in the direction of officers. A deputy from the Nemaha County Sheriff's Office and an officer from the Sabetha Police Department fired rounds at Hall, striking him. The shots were fired around 9:45 p.m.

Hall retreated back into the residence. Officers and deputies entered the house and rendered aid to Hall. EMS responded and transported him to the Sabetha Community Hospital. He was later transferred to Stormont Vail in Topeka. Hall was reported in critical, but stable condition Thursday afternoon.

No law enforcement officers were injured during the incident.

Once the investigation is complete, the KBI said they will turn their findings over to the Nemaha County Attorney for review.

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