

Local officer found dead identified Wednesday

(KNZA)--The police officer, whose body was discovered Wednesday morning in Brown County, has been publicly identified.

Brown County Sheriff John Merchant, in a Wednesday afternoon release, identified the officer as 43-year-old Kirby Robidoux, of Falls City, Nebraska. Merchant, in the release, said the cause of death remains unknown, and an autopsy will be conducted.

He calls Robidoux “a very dedicated officer who always had a kind word for everyone he met.

The Kansas Bureau of Investigation is investigating.

Foul play is not suspected.

Along with his role as a part time officer for the Sac and Fox Police Department, Robidoux also served as a Richardson County Deputy Sheriff, and a member of the Falls City City Council.

Merchant said Robidoux’s body was found in his patrol vehicle around 6:00 Wednesday morning. The KBI says the discovery was made near the intersection of 330th and Longspur Road in northern Brown County.

According to Merchant, Brown County dispatch became concerned when the officer failed to respond to a radio check, and requested assistance from the Iowa Tribal Police Department. An officer with that agency discovered the body.

Merchant said, “Our sympathies go out to the family of the officer, his department and the community he served.”

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