

Officer involved shooting investigated in Atchison



(KAIR)--An officer involved shooting late Wednesday morning in Atchison leaves one person hospitalized.

Atchison Police Chief Mike Wilson told MSC News no officers were hurt in the incident. "It was shortly after 10:30 this morning when we had an officer respond to the area of 4th and L on an assist to utility companies. Once on scene, there was confrontation with a resident there. There were shots exchanged between the suspect and the officer. Other officers then responded to the scene. We are awaiting the arrival of the KBI to investigate the officer involved shooting."

The Kansas Bureau of Investigation, late Wednesday afternoon, identified the man shot as 44-year-old Bryan Boldridge, of Atchison.

The KBI, in a news release, said Boldridge suffered non-life threatening injuries, and was transported by Atchison County EMS for hospitalized treatment.

The news release states, "the Atchison Police Department contacted the KBI at approximately 10:35 a.m. to request assistance investigating an officer involved shooting. KBI agents and the crime scene response team (CSRT) responded to conduct the investigation.

Preliminary information indicates that an officer from the Atchison Police Department was dispatched to a theft of services call at a residence at N. Fourth St. and L St. in Atchison. When the officer arrived on scene at approximately 10:20 a.m., a man [now identified as Boldridge] on the property approached the officer while carrying a rifle. The officer gave verbal commands to drop the gun, and the suspect complied by putting down the rifle.

Then, the verbal conflict with the resident escalated, and the officer deployed a Taser toward the suspect. The suspect produced a handgun he had in his possession, and fired at the officer. The officer was not hit by gunfire, and returned fire at the suspect, who was struck during the exchange.

Boldridge was taken into custody.

The KBI will conduct a thorough and independent investigation into this shooting. Once the investigation is complete, the findings will be turned over to the Atchison County Attorney for review.

This investigation is ongoing. No further information will be released at this time.”

Atchison City Manager Becky Berger, in a statement released Wednesday, said, "We are very grateful that the incident didn't end in tragedy and all of the City's employees were unharmed."

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