

CITY OF GARDEN CITY
POLICE DEPARTMENT

304 N. 9TH STREET
GARDEN CITY, KANSAS 67846

JAMES R. HAWKINS
CHIEF OF POLICE

620-276-1300
FAX: 620-276-1313
OR 620-276-1314

MEDIA RELEASE

By Sgt. Michael Reagle
July 29, 2009

Release #1:

On Monday, July 27, 2009 at approximately 5:35 p.m. officers of the Garden City Police Department responded to a reported injury accident at the intersection of Main Street and Mary Street.

The investigation determined Robert Cooley (62-years-old, of 1704 Belmont Place, Garden City, KS) was driving his 2002 Harley Davidson motorcycle eastbound on Mary Street in the curb lane. As Cooley approached Main Street, a white 2003 Ford F-250 pickup driven by Matthew Borden (51-years-old, of 1502 Cottontail Court, Garden City, KS) was traveling westbound on Mary Street in the inside lane. As Borden approached Main Street, he attempted to make a left turn to go southbound. Borden said he did not observe the motorcycle before he started to make his turn, as there was sport utility vehicle facing east on Mary Street waiting to turn north on to Main Street. As Borden was making his turn to go southbound, the left front portion of his pickup collided with the motorcycle.

When the collision occurred, Cooley's left leg initially struck the frontend of the pickup and he was then thrown off of the motorcycle approximately ten feet. Cooley was transported to St. Catherine Hospital by the Finney County EMS where he was treated for a broken left femur, broken left patella and a broken left tibia bone. While at St. Catherine Hospital, Cooley went into shock and was flown to Via Christie-St. Francis Hospital in Wichita, KS. Cooley died at Via Christie-St. Francis Hospital while being treated for the injuries he sustained during the accident. An autopsy is scheduled for Wednesday, July 29, 2009 to determine the exact cause of death and the investigation is ongoing.

Release #2:

At approximately 1:30 a.m. on July 17, 2009, officers of the Garden City Police Department were dispatched to 4101 E. Hwy 50 #110, Garden City, KS in reference to a drive-by shooting that just occurred.

Update #3

The investigation disclosed that approximately five to six males were in a maroon Ford Focus four door, and pulled up to the residence of Carlos Espinoza (16-years of age) and Raul Espinoza (unknown age) both of 4101 E. Hwy 50, #110, Garden City, KS. At least one male in the vehicle brandished a handgun and shot at the residence. At least one round struck the back door to the residence. The unknown suspects fled the scene in the vehicle. There were no reported injuries. This incident is gang related.

Officers from the Garden City Police Department have arrested Juan Ibanez (16-years-old, of 2224 West Kansas Avenue #58, Garden City, KS) and Jacob Arteaga (18-years-old, of 407 Elm

Street, Garden City, KS) for their involvement in this incident. They were both lodged on allegations of shooting into an occupied dwelling and two counts of aggravated assault.

On Tuesday, July 21, 2009 officers served a search warrant at 619 North Twelfth Street, Garden City, KS in an attempt to locate evidence relating to this case. During the search of the residence officers went to 621 North Twelfth Street and arrested Manuel Guaberramma (16-years-old, of 621 North Twelfth Street, Garden City, KS) for his involvement in this incident. In addition, officers responded to 1303 Boots Road and arrested Oscar Escobedo (16-years-old, of 1303 Boots Road, Garden City, KS) for his involvement in the incident. Both Guaberramma and Escobedo were lodged in the Southwest Kansas Juvenile Detention Center on allegations of shooting into an occupied dwelling and two counts of aggravated assault.

On Monday, July 27, 2009 at approximately 12:16 p.m. officers arrested the final suspect in this case. Julius Stephani (19-years-old, of 619 North Twelfth Street, Garden City, KS) was arrested at his residence and was lodged in the Southwest Kansas Juvenile Detention Center on allegations of shooting into an occupied dwelling and two counts of aggravated assault.

###