PRESS RELEASE

DATE: September 10, 2019

SUBJECT: Big 10 Mart Homicide

Since August 17th, 2019 after the victim, Brittany Wilson, was tragically and senselessly shot and killed while working as a clerk at the Big 10 Mart, Bettendorf Police detectives were determined to find her killer and have been diligently and relentlessly working to solve this case. Due to their hard work and efforts this case has come to a conclusion. During this investigation the following findings and facts have come to light and the following is a summary and a timeline of the events that led up to and occurred after the homicide in Bettendorf.

On Saturday, August 17th, 2019, @ 2:33pm Dekalb Co. Sheriff’s Office (IL) took a report of a burglary to a dog kennel located in Genoa, IL. Upon arrival it was discovered that not only a burglary occurred but that shots were fired into the door of the kennel and that there was a dog missing, belonging to the suspect. The suspect vehicle fleeing from the scene was later reported to be a dark grey Chevy Cruze belonging to the suspect’s mother.

On Saturday, August 17th, 2019 @ 4:08pm a dark grey 2016 Chevy Cruze registered to the suspect’s mother was recorded coming through the I-88 Westbound Tollway plaza I-Pass lanes. At 5:06pm the vehicle was observed on video in the area of the I-80 and I-88 interchange and at 5:10pm the vehicle was observed on I-80 WB in Iowa by LeClaire. The vehicle was observed on video at 5:15pm seen around the area of Middle Rd. and Forest Grove entering into the TBK Sports Complex parking lot area. At 5:23pm the vehicle was observed on video leaving that area on Middle Rd. southbound into town. At 5:27pm the vehicle was observed on video on 53rd Ave. (WB) turning right (NB) onto 18th Street right where the Big 10 Mart is located. A video camera then has the vehicle pull up to a gas pump momentarily where the suspect gets out and walks around the back of the car and gets back in the vehicle and pulls up to the front door making sure that no other vehicles were in the lot. At 5:35pm the vehicle is observed running the red light making a right turn from the left turn lane from 18th St. onto 53rd Ave. continuing westbound on 53rd Ave. into
Davenport. The Bettendorf Police Department receives a 911 call requesting medical attention at 5:40pm from customers who arrived afterwards to discover Brittany Wilson on the floor. Bettendorf Patrol units arrive on scene and immediately begin life saving techniques and CPR until Fire and Medic arrive only to determine that she was deceased and nothing more could be done for her due to her injury.

On Sunday, August 18th, 2019 the suspect’s brother reported to the Dekalb Co. Sheriff’s Office (IL) that the suspect was missing and suicidal and had been depressed the last few months and was upset over not being allowed to keep his dog at his parent’s house at the request of the landlord. This is why he was forced to board the dog at the dog kennel and at some point could not afford to pay the bill to get his dog back. The suspect’s brother had spoken to the suspect on Sunday who said that he had taken his mother’s 2016 Chevy Cruze and was currently in Nebraska. The conversations and texts led the suspect’s family to believe he was going to kill himself and told him he would be going to prison for a long time. At some point the family and the Sheriff’s Dept. accessed the My Chevy app in order to locate where the vehicle currently was. The vehicle was located in western Nebraska and law enforcement authorities in the area were contacted to attempt to locate the vehicle. Once the vehicle was located a short pursuit was initiated by the Nebraska State Patrol, Deuel County Sheriff’s Office, and the Keith County Sheriff’s Office at which point On Star was used to shut the car down. Just before 6pm the vehicle came to a rest on I-80 Eastbound 116 mile marker in Nebraska. Upon the vehicle coming to a stop the suspect raised a pistol to his head and fired a single self-inflicted gunshot to his head.

The investigation conducted by the Bettendorf Police Department has determined that the suspect from our homicide (deceased) has been identified as Manuel Rangel, DOB 01-04-1998, age 21, from Genoa, IL. The investigation is still active and on-going but we are certain based on all the facts and findings of the investigation that the suspect murdered Brittany Wilson that day on August 17th, 2019.

The Bettendorf Police Department again would just like to extend our condolences to Brittany’s family and friends and they have requested that the public and media respect their privacy at this time as they are still grieving the loss of Brittany. We would also like to express our condolences to the Molo Company and their employees for the loss of one of their employees.

I would like to thank the FBI for their assistance and lastly I would like to extend my deepest gratitude and appreciation to all the officers and detectives of the Bettendorf Police Department that responded that day and pitched in where they could to assist in this investigation. Because of their dedication and passion they all had a part of solving this case and for that I could not be prouder of the men and women who serve this Bettendorf community.

Keith T. Kimball, Chief of Police
Bettendorf Police Department
Stock Photo: Chevy Cruze Premier “RS”

Suspect Photo: 2016 Chevy Cruze Premier “RS”
Suspect vehicle in Nebraska.

Suspect vehicle in Bettendorf.
An Illinois man kills himself after a pursuit by a NSP Trooper

By Jacque Harms | Posted: Mon 12:27 PM, Aug 19, 2019 | Updated: Mon 12:29 PM, Aug 19, 2019

BRULE, Neb. (KNOP) - An Illinois man died following a traffic stop on Interstate 80 near Brule Sunday evening. Officials say he killed himself after a pursuit by a State Patrol Trooper. There will be a Grand Jury Investigation.

Sunday afternoon the Nebraska State Patrol received information about a potentially armed and dangerous person traveling on I-80 near Ogallala. The vehicle traveled into Colorado.

About an hour later, Manuel Rangel, 21, returned to Nebraska, driving east on the Interstate. A sheriff's deputy spotted Rangel's 2016 Chevrolet Cruz. Moments later, a trooper attempted a traffic stop, but the driver refused to pull over. The trooper initiated a pursuit.

Working with OnStar, the vehicle was remotely slowed, bringing it to a stop near Brule, just before 6 p.m. Officials say as they approached, they heard a single gunshot.

Rangel was found with a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Troopers provided immediate medical care on scene. Rangel was flown by life-flight to Region West Medical Center in Scottsbluff where he was later pronounced deceased.

The Keith County Attorney will be reviewing the matter for a grand jury investigation.