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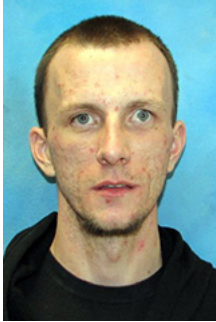
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#### **News**

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([newspressnow.com](http://newspressnow.com)) - A suspect in a St. Joseph home invasion died as a result of a self-inflicted gunshot wound after a high-speed chase in Brown County, Kan., last Friday, the Kansas Highway Patrol confirmed Monday.



Jack Ryan Kelley, 29, of St. Joseph, was wanted on a St. Joseph felony stealing warrant when he allegedly led authorities on a high-speed pursuit within the city limits of Hiawatha, Kan. He crashed his pickup into a ravine before fleeing from the vehicle and turning the gun on himself, officials said.

“He was a fugitive that came over to the Hiawatha area from St. Joe,” said Kansas Highway Patrol spokesman Don Hughes. “We obtained a search warrant and arrest warrant before he fled and did a self-inflicted gunshot wound.”

Emergency responders transported Mr. Kelley to Hiawatha Community Hospital before he was transported by air ambulance to a Kansas City hospital. He later died.

Officers with the Hiawatha Police Department conducted a secondary investigation at the residence where Mr. Kelley was located prior to the pursuit. The search of the address revealed suspected illegal narcotics and suspected drug paraphernalia.

“We also took police custody of a 6-year-old boy that was also in the residence at that time,” said John Defore, Hiawatha police chief, adding that additional charges remained pending.

In correlation with the search for Mr. Kelley, arrest warrants also were issued in Andrew and Buchanan counties for felony charges filed last week against Mr. Kelley.

In Buchanan County, he is accused of fraudulently using a credit card in December. Charges in Andrew County stemmed from an incident where Mr. Kelley allegedly joined Matthew Clinton Salmons, 30, of St. Joseph, in stealing a Jeep Grand Cherokee Laredo from a woman in Country Club Village, Mo., on Feb. 28, and fraudulently using the woman’s debit card at Bank Midwest in the same city.

The pair also were sought for questioning in the Feb. 28 home invasion on the 1300 block of Boyd Street, where three men reportedly bound an elderly homeowner and demanded money. While Mr. Salmons and Mr. Kelley were never initially identified as suspects, Capt. Jeff Wilson with the St. Joseph Police Department named Mr. Kelley as a suspect in the home invasion Monday.

“As we said earlier, there was more than one subject we were looking for in the home invasion,” Mr. Wilson said. “There are still suspects out there that we will continue looking for.”

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Mr. Salmons was located and taken into custody March 3 after officers with the Platte City Police Department recognized a vehicle reported as stolen from St. Joseph leaving the Platte City Taco Bell. Mr. Salmons allegedly led police on a chase and fled on foot before he was arrested.

In addition, Mr. Salmons was taken into custody Feb. 23 for investigation of drug and burglary charges, while Mr. Kelley was investigated Feb. 23 for drug and parole violation charges. Although both were released pending further investigation, Mr. Wilson said the cases against Mr. Kelley now will be considered closed.