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News Release

Arkansas City teen dies after unintentional shooting Saturday

Ark City police still investigating Nov. 9 incident that led to 17-year-old's death

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan. (November 13, 2019) — A 17-year-old Arkansas City boy has died after being shot unintentionally by an adult family member during a shooting incident Saturday night.

The Arkansas City Fire-EMS and Police departments were dispatched at 9:46 p.m. Nov. 9 to a residence in the 500 block of South D Street for a report of a gunshot victim.

First responders arrived and located a 17-year-old Arkansas City male with a gunshot wound. He had been struck in the face with a bullet from a 9-millimeter handgun.

Police determined the victim was shot unintentionally by a family member who was handling the gun.

He was transported by the Arkansas City Fire-EMS Department to South Central Kansas Medical Center and later airlifted to a Wichita-area hospital for treatment of his injuries.

The victim died Wednesday from complications related to his gunshot injury. An autopsy is pending.

This incident remains under investigation. Once the investigation is completed, the results will be forwarded to the Cowley County Attorney's Office for review to determine if any charges should be filed.

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