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Suspects Arrested in Armed Robbery

On Friday, February 3, 2012, at approximately 11:00 a.m. Kearney Police Officers were dispatched to Good Samaritan Hospital to meet with a 20 year old male subject who was being treated for a possible gunshot wound to his leg. The subject told officers that he had been awakened at his residence by a knock on the door and when he opened the door, he observed two unknown white male subjects wearing ski masks and bandanas covering their faces. Both suspects were armed, one with a hand gun and the other with a long rifle. The suspects entered the residence and took property and an unknown amount of cash from the victim during the robbery. During the commission of the robbery, one of the suspects fired a shot, striking the victim one time. Officers processed the crime scene at 2102 3rd Avenue in Kearney for evidence.

During the investigation, officers developed information leading to possible suspects. At approximately 1:30 p.m. officers located the suspect vehicle travelling westbound on Highway 30, just east of Kearney and a felony traffic stop was conducted. A 24 year old male from Grand Island and a 19 year old male from Kearney were taken into police custody. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Joshua Lewis (24) for Armed Robbery (28-324), Use of a Deadly Weapon to Commit a Felony (28-1205), and Possession of a Deadly Weapon by a Felon (28-1205). Also arrested was 19 year old Jason Warrington for Armed Robbery (28-324) and Use of a Deadly Weapon to Commit a Felony (28-1205). Both subjects are in the custody of the Buffalo County Jail. The Buffalo County Sheriff's Office assisted in the investigation.

Robbery is a Class II Felony punishable by a possible sentence of 1 – 50 years in prison. Use of a Deadly Weapon to Commit a Felony is a Class IC Felony with a possible sentence of 5 – 50 years in prison. Possession of a Deadly Weapon by a Felon is a Class ID Felony and carries a possible sentence of 3 – 50 years in prison.

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