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## **Disturbance results in death**

During the early morning hours of 06/17/2020 officers of the Pratt Police Department and members of the Pratt County Emergency Medical Services responded to a disturbance resulting in physical injury occurring in the 700 block of South Mound Street, Pratt. Upon arrival, officers and paramedics located a fifty-seven year old male subject lying on the floor of a garage, unconscious, with obvious head trauma.

Preliminary investigation conducted at the scene indicated that the subject had been involved in an altercation with one other subject resulting in the subject falling to the ground unconscious.

The man was transported by ambulance to the Pratt Regional Medical Center with life threatening injuries. These injuries resulted in his death. At the time of this press release the circumstances surrounding the death are under investigation by the Pratt Police Department and the Kansas Bureau of Investigation. The victim was identified as Frank O. "Butch" Sturgeon, Pratt.

Upon completion of the investigation all materials and evidence collected will be presented to the Pratt County Attorney's Office for review. All future media inquiries should be directed to the Pratt County Attorney's Office.

**CASE NO: 2020-3579**