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Date: 05/30/2017

Type of Incident: Possible Chemical Exposure

Reporting Officer: Sgt. Joel Roon

Supervisor Approval: Sgt. Joel Roon

On 5/30/2017 a K.A.N.E.T. detective with the Wyoming Police Department was conducting standard testing of suspected narcotics that were in the form of a white powdery substance. The substance in question was collected on 5/29/17 as part of an ongoing investigation. While testing, one of the detectives began to experience symptoms that could possibly be related to a drug exposure, and so NARCAN was administered. That detective was transported to a local hospital to be checked, and he is conscious and alert. The detective bureau has been temporarily evacuated and will remain closed until the Grand Rapids Fire Department hazmat team concludes their air quality tests. All remaining divisions within the KCSO complex will remain open unless Grand Rapids Fire Department requests otherwise.

K.A.N.E.T. is an acronym for the Kent Area Narcotics Enforcement Team which has detectives from the Kent County Sheriff's Office, Wyoming Police Department, Walker Police Department, Grandville Police Department, and East Grand Rapids DPS. K.A.N.E.T. is operated out of the KCSO located at 701 Ball Ave NE.