

Search for Kilbourne Continues: UPDATE  
UPDATE: Tuesday afternoon

Authorities in Butler County are still looking for Jan Tracy Kilbourne, the man suspected of shooting and wounding a Butler County Sheriff's deputy.

Butler County Sheriff Kelly Herzet says officers searching for Kilbourne are pursuing tips about his location.

They believe he could be headed to Liberal, where he has several friends.

The department is currently concentrating on contacting Kilbourne's family and friends.

Kilbourne is suspected in the shooting early Monday after a deputy went to investigate suspicious activity near Highway 54 and Santa Fe Lake Road.

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Police looking for suspect in deputy shooting

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) - Authorities are searching for a man who they say shot and wounded a Butler County Sheriff's deputy early Monday morning.

Police say the suspect is 41-year-old Jan Tracy Kilbourne.

Butler County Sheriff Kelly Herzet told KWCH that a deputy pulled over a car around 5 a.m. on U.S. Highway 54, about 16 miles east of Wichita.

Herzet said the deputy ran a warrant check on the three people inside and returned to the car when one of the passengers got out and fired at the deputy, striking him in the shoulder. He said the deputy returned fire and hit the man, who ran off afterward.

The Wichita Eagle reported the deputy was treated and released from a hospital. His name hasn't been released.

The other two people are in custody. Authorities have been looking for Kilbourne since he absconded on July 24 from Cimarron Basin Community Corrections in Liberal, according to the Kansas Department of Corrections website. Kilbourne has had troubles with the law for more than a decade, according to state corrections records. In August 2012, Kilbourne was sentenced to community corrections after being convicted of numerous charges – including drug possession, criminal threat, criminal possession of a firearm and fleeing law enforcement – for offenses he committed on Dec. 24, 2011.

He wasn't confined to a facility at the time he absconded in July, corrections department spokesman Jeremy Barclay said in an e-mail. But he was being supervised in the community by a Seward County probation officer. Kilbourne was convicted on drug charges in Seward County in 2001 and in Stevens County in 2002, according to the corrections department. He served in several state facilities before his sentence expired in 2009.

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