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The last few weeks have shown a spike in burglaries and thefts primarily in the western and northwestern areas of Wichita and Sedgwick County. Through developed information, multiple burglary suspects were identified as possibly being involved. Subsequent investigation resulted in the arrest of four persons in connection with the burglaries and thefts. The individuals arrested and booked are identified as: Aaron Redburn, Sondria Redburn, Shayne Ricke and Donald Bidwell; all of Wichita, Kansas.

Significant amounts of property have been recovered. A partial list includes: eight ATVs, three skid steer loaders, five trailers, one enclosed trailer, a dune buggy, a commercial welder, an air compressor, snow skis, water skis, a swing set, four firearms, industrial power tools & equipment and nine large boxes containing cases of new cell phone chargers, batteries, headsets, phone cases and clips.

Information from this investigation has lead to the discovery of stolen property at other locations in Harvey and Butler County. Through their investigation, each agency recovered much of the same type of stolen property.

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It is believed that the property recovered in Butler and Harvey Counties was originally stolen from burglaries in Sedgwick County.

The Sheriff's Office is asking for citizens who may have been victims of this type of property loss within the last three to six months to contact the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Investigations Office at 660-5300 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. This investigation is ongoing. The property recovered is still being inventoried. A rough estimate of the value of the property will easily run into the hundreds of thousands of dollars. Sheriff investigators plan on presenting the case to the district attorney's office for charging perhaps as early as next week.

The media is invited to view the recovered property today, Friday, December 15, 2006, at 3:00 p.m. at the Sedgwick County Yards, 1015 Stillwell, Wichita, KS.

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