



## SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS

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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

DATE: June 9, 2008  
AGENCY: SEDGWICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
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SHERIFF'S OFFICE ANNOUNCES ONLINE OFFENDER SEARCH CAPABILITY.

***OFFENDER WATCH*** WILL ENABLE CITIZENS TO SEARCH FOR THE PRESENCE OF OFFENDERS IN PROXIMITY TO ANY ADDRESS IN SEDGWICK COUNTY SUCH AS HOMES, PLACES OF WORK, AND DAY-CARE CENTERS. THE SYSTEM WILL DISPLAY A MAP AND LISTS OFFENDERS THAT LIVE WITHIN A QUARTER-MILE TO TWO MILES OF THE SPECIFIED ADDRESS. PEOPLE MAY ALSO SIGN UP FOR EMAIL ALERTS THAT WILL NOTIFY THEM SHOULD AN OFFENDER MOVE WITHIN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD. CITIZENS MAY ACCESS THE REGISTRY ON THE SEDGWICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S WEB SITE AT [WWW.SEDGWICKCOUNTY.ORG/SHERIFF](http://WWW.SEDGWICKCOUNTY.ORG/SHERIFF). GO TO "ON-LINE SEARCHES, SEDGWICK COUNTY SHERIFF OFFENDER WATCH." WHILE DESIGNED INITIALLY FOR SEX OFFENDERS, ***OFFENDER WATCH*** DOES PROVIDE INFORMATION ON ALL OFFENDERS REQUIRED TO REGISTER BY KANSAS LAW.

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THIS SERVICE WILL BE PART OF THE NEW OFFENDER REGISTRATION UNIT APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DURING THEIR JUNE 4<sup>TH</sup> BOARD MEETING. AS OF MAY 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2008, THERE WERE 1,306 OFFENDERS REGISTERED AS LIVING IN SEDGWICK COUNTY. "THIS WILL ALLOW FAMILIES TO EASILY LEARN WHO MAY BE LIVING NEAR THEM THAT COULD RAISE CONCERNS OF SAFETY" SAID UNDERSHERIFF HINSHAW. "WHEN A CHILD GOES MISSING, THIS WILL ALSO PROVIDE A QUICK RESOURCE FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT TO SEE WHO MAY LIVE OR WORK IN THE AREA THAT MIGHT BE A PRIORITY TO FIND" SAID HINSHAW.

A MEDIA BRIEFING AND SHORT DEMONSTRATION WILL BE HELD IN THE DETENTION TRAINING ROOM, 141 W. ELM, ON THE SECOND FLOOR TODAY, MONDAY JUNE 9, 2008 AT 2:00P.M. ALSO PRESENT WILL BE A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE COMPANY THAT DESIGNED THE SOFTWARE AND SGT. MARY MATTINGLY. SGT. MATTINGLY IS THE NEWLY APPOINTED SUPERVISOR OF THE OFFENDER REGISTRATION UNIT APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

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