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THE SEDGWICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE MAKES TWO ARRESTS IN A RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY RING. ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2009, SHERIFF DEPUTIES ARRESTED STEVEN W. PONDS AND GUS HANKINS JR. AFTER THEY ATTEMPTED AN AGGRAVATED BURGLARY TO A RESIDENCE IN WESTERN SEDGWICK COUNTY WHILE A RESIDENT WAS INSIDE. PONDS AND HANKINS ARE BELIEVED TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR A STRING OF EIGHTEEN (18) RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES IN SEDGWICK COUNTY BEGINNING IN JUNE 2009 AND RESULTING IN A LOSS OF OVER \$75,000.00. APPROXIMATELY \$8,000 IN STOLEN PROPERTY HAS BEEN RECOVERED AND VICTIMS HAVE BEEN CONTACTED. DETECTIVES WILL PRESENT CASES TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2009, FOR FORMAL CHARGES.

DETECTIVES FROM THE SEDGWICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE HAVE WORKED CLOSELY WITH NEIGHBORING COUNTIES REGARDING THE INCREASE IN RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES. HANKINS AND PONDS ARE ALSO BELIEVED TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR BURGLARIES IN SUMNER AND BUTLER COUNTIES. INQUIRIES IN RELATION TO THESE CASES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO SUMNER COUNTY CAPTAIN JEFF HAWKINS AND BUTLER COUNTY SHERIFF CRAIG D. MURPHY.

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