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AGENCY:

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TWO "FELONS OF THE DAY" WERE CAPTURED DURING THE WEEK OF JULY 13, 2009.

ON JULY 14TH, MEKISHA S. BENFORD WAS PROFILED AS "FELON OF THE DAY". BENFORD WAS WANTED FOR POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA AND HYDROCODONE. THE SAME DAY BENFORD WAS PROFILED, SHE WAS SPOTTED BY AN ALERT SEDGWICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTY ENTERING THE SEDGWICK COUNTY COURTHOUSE. BENFORD WAS ARRESTED WITHOUT INCIDENT AND BOOKED INTO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY DETENTION FACILITY.

ON MAY 4TH, 2009, DANIEL J. STAMPER WAS PROFILED AS "FELON OF THE DAY". STAMPER WAS WANTED FOR POSSESSION OF METHAMPHETAMINES. ON JULY 10, 2009, SEDGWICK COUNTY WARRANT DEPUTIES DISCOVERED STAMPER MAY HAVE BEEN LIVING IN OAKES, NORTH DAKOTA. DEPUTIES CONTACTED OAKES, N.D. P.D AND GAVE THIS AGENCY THE INFORMATION ABOUT STAMPERS POSSIBLE ADDRESS.

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<http://www.sedgwickcounty.org/sheriff>

OAKES P.D. LOCATED STAMPER AND ARRESTED HIM FOR HIS OUTSTANDING WARRANT. ON JULY 14, 2009, STAMPER WAS RETURNED TO SEDGWICK COUNTY BY THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AIR UNIT.

THE SEDGWICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE DISTRIBUTES THE "FELON OF THE DAY" AND THE "TOP TEN" LIST TO ALL LOCAL MEDIA OUTLETS WITHIN SEDGWICK COUNTY AND THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES. FELONS WHO HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY HIGHLIGHTED WITH ACTIVE WARRANTS REMAIN POSTED ON THE SHERIFF'S WEB SITE. MEDIA OUTLETS WHO POST THE "FELON OF THE DAY" AND "TOP TEN" ON THEIR WEB SITE ARE ASKED TO UPDATE THIS INFORMATION AS FELONS ARE ARRESTED.

OFTEN IT IS INFORMATION FROM OUR COMMUNITY WHICH HELPS LAW ENFORCEMENT TRACK DOWN THESE WANTED FELONS. WITHOUT ASSISTANCE FROM THE PUBLIC THESE WANTED FELONS CAN REMAIN FREE. THERE ARE MANY WAYS A CITIZEN CAN SUBMIT INFORMATION ABOUT WANTED PERSONS INCLUDING; 911 OR USING OUR FELON TIP SHEET LOCATED ON THE SHERIFF'S WEB SITE WWW.SEDGWICKCOUNTY.ORG/SHERIFF UNDER THE ON-LINE FORMS LINK. CITIZENS MAY ALSO SUBMIT THE INFORMATION COMPLETELY ANONYMOUSLY AND CONFIDENTIALLY THROUGH CRIME STOPPERS AT (316) 267-2111 OR TEXTING AT CRIMES (274637) AND ENTER TIP217 PLUS YOUR MESSAGE OR THE CRIME STOPPERS WEBSITE AT WWW.WICHITASEDGWICKCOUNTYCRIMESTOPPERS.COM.

CITIZENS ARE WARNED TO EXERCISE CAUTION AND NOT APPROACH WANTED PERSONS AS THEY MAY BE ARMED OR DANGEROUS. CITIZENS SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT LAW ENFORCEMENT BY CALLING 911 TO REPORT THE INFORMATION AND NOT TAKE ANY ACTION.

WE WILL CONTINUE TO PURSUE ALL OUTSTANDING WARRANTS AND ENCOURAGE OUR CITIZENS TO VISIT THE SHERIFF'S WEB SITE WWW.SEDGWICKCOUNTY.ORG/SHERIFF AND CLICK ON THE ACTIVE WARRANT SEARCH LINK TO SEE IF THEY OR OTHERS THEY KNOW HAVE WARRANTS.

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