



## SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS

SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
GARY STEED  
Sheriff

141 WEST ELM \* WICHITA, KANSAS 67203 \* TELEPHONE: (316) 383-7264 \* FAX: (316) 660-3248

MEDIA RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DECEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>, 2006

AGENCY

SEDGWICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

LOCATION:

WICHITA/SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS

TELEPHONE:

(316) 383-7711

CONTACT:

CAPTAIN GLENN KURTZ

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2007, PERSONS ARRESTED ON FELONY CHARGES ARE REQUIRED BY HOUSE BILL 2554 TO SUBMIT A DNA SAMPLE. THE SEDGWICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATEWIDE TRAINING AND THE SAMPLE COLLECTING MATERIALS TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE BILL. TRAINING HAS BEGUN STATEWIDE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE KANSAS LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER (KLETC) AND THE KANSAS BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (KBI). ON DECEMBER 11, 2006, THE SEDGWICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE WILL HOST TWO TRAINING CLASSES ON THE COLLECTION OF DNA SAMPLES, FOR THE COUNTIES IN THE

M-O-R-E

SOUTHEAST QUADRANT OF THE STATE. HOUSE BILL 2554 SIGNIFICANTLY EXPANDS THE COLLECTION OF DNA FROM PERSONS ARRESTED AND CONVICTED OFFENDERS. AS OF JANUARY 1, 2007, ALL PERSONS ARRESTED OR CHARGED WITH ANY PERSON FELONY OR LEVEL 1 OR 2 DRUG FELONIES MUST HAVE A DNA SAMPLE COLLECTED AT THE TIME THAT FINGERPRINTS ARE TAKEN.

THE SEDGWICK COUNTY DETENTION BUREAU WORKED CLOSELY WITH MS. SINDEY SCHULER OF THE KBI DNA LABORATORY ON ALL PHASES OF THE DESIGN AND TESTING OF THE TRAINING MATERIALS, COLLECTION PACKAGING AND TO REDUCE THE IMPACT ON DETENTION FACILITIES OPERATIONS. THE DNA WILL BE COLLECTED FROM THE INSIDE OF THE CHEEK WITH A STERILE SWAB AND THEN THE SAMPLES WILL THEN BE FORWARDED TO THE KBI FOR PROCESSING.

CALIFORNIA, LOUISIANA, MINNESOTA, NEW MEXICO, TEXAS, VIRGINIA AND NOW KANSAS COLLECT DNA AT THE TIME OF ARREST RATHER THAN AFTER CONVICTION.

THE MEDIA IS INVITED TO A DEMONSTRATION OF THE SAMPLE COLLECTIONS TECHNIQUES ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE DETENTION FACILITY AT 2:00P.M.ON DECEMBER 8, 2006.

#####

