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AGENCY

SEDGWICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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ON JULY 11, 2005 THE SEDGWICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN CONJUNCTION WITH CRIME STOPPERS INSTITUTED TOLL-FREE CALLS FOR ANY INMATE IN THE SEDGWICK COUNTY DETENTION FACILITY THAT WISHES TO SUPPLY INFORMATION ABOUT CRIMES THAT HAVE BEEN COMMITTED. SIGNS WERE POSTED IN EACH HOUSING AREA OF THE DETENTION FACILITY AND A VIDEO DEVELOPED TO INFORM THE INMATES THAT A CALL MAY BE PLACED TO CRIME STOPPERS WITHOUT CHARGE.

IT IS HOPEFUL THAT THROUGH THESE TOLL FREE CALLS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION MAY BE GATHERED TO SOLVE CRIMES THAT HAVE BEEN COMMITTED IN THE WICHITA/SEDGWICK COUNTY AREA.

IN ADDITION TO THE TOLL-FREE CALLS TO CRIME STOPPERS, AN INTERNAL "JAIL INFORMATION LINE" WAS CREATED TO MORE EASILY ALLOW INMATES TO REPORT SAFETY OR SECURITY CONCERNS WITHIN THE JAIL ANONYMOUSLY.

INMATE PHONE CALLS ARE TYPICALLY ALL TOLL CALLS, EXCEPT AT INITIAL BOOKING.

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