



# SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS

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The Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office in conjunction with the Wichita Police Department will be initiating a 48 - hour project to check on, and verify the residences of 661 registered sex offenders that reside in Sedgwick County. The Sheriff's Office is charged with the responsibility of maintaining the registrations of all sex offenders within Sedgwick County.

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The Sex Offender Registration Act requires certain convicted sex offenders to register their home addresses and verify every 90 days that they are still residing at the listed address. In Kansas, the KBI is responsible for a statewide database of offenders. Each county sheriff is responsible for tracking individual offenders who neglect to return their registration to the state every 90 days. Sheriff's Office follow-up and investigation as a result of this effort, will be presented to the District Attorney's office for potential charging.

Sheriff Steed and Chief Williams are committed to taking this responsibility another step and proactively seeking out and verifying these offender's residences in the hopes that all offenders will be accounted for within our community. Beginning Thursday 07-07-05, Deputies from the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office, all Wichita Police Department beat officers, all area law enforcement agencies and a select group of investigators and will hit the streets in this 48 - hour effort at accountability.

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