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**On Thursday, October 19, 2006, the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office will be conducting an operation to locate and arrest individuals wanted in connection with domestic violence incidents. This is a coordinated effort that will include approximately 18 law enforcement agencies from the Sedgwick County area.**

**This operation is part of a nation-wide effort to call attention to domestic violence issues during October, which is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. This is the fourth year of such an effort, and over 100 agencies across the country take part. Emphasis will be placed on serving outstanding arrest warrants for persons wanted for assault, battery, sex**

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**crimes, and other domestic-related offenses. Also targeted will be persons wanted in connection with non-payment of child support. The results of this operation are expected to be available and released on Friday, October 20.**

**Miscellaneous information regarding domestic violence is included on page three of this release.**

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**Domestic Violence Facts**

Of over half of the family violence crime that went unreported, 13% percent of the persons claimed they did not report the crime to law enforcement because it was “not important to police.” This collaborative effort hopes to raise awareness about the problem of family and domestic violence in our communities and demonstrate that this social problem is important to law enforcement and communities. It also demonstrates to offenders that they will be held accountable for their violence and increase the safety of their victims.

Across the United States family violence affects numerous families everyday. According to the Bureau of Justice Statistics, 3.5 million violent crimes were committed against family members with 1.7 million crimes being committed against a spouse and of those, over 5200 resulted in the death of the victim.

**Kansas Domestic Violence Statistics**

The following statistics were collected by law enforcement agencies through the Kansas Incident Based Reporting System and compiled by the Kansas Bureau of Investigation for 2005. (More information available at [www.accesskansas.org/kbi/DVandRapeReport.shtml](http://www.accesskansas.org/kbi/DVandRapeReport.shtml))

- Fourteen women and seven men were killed in domestic violence murders.
- One domestic violence incident occurred every 27 minutes, 20 seconds.
- Law enforcement made one domestic violence arrest every 44 minutes, 48 seconds.
- The majority of domestic violence incidents - 83% of reported cases - occurred in homes.
- "Personal" weapons such as hands, feet, and fists were used in 68% of domestic violence incidents reported.
- In Kansas, there were 8,223 Protection from Abuse Orders filed – 2,025 of them in Sedgwick County.
- There were at least 225 adults murdered in Kansas in domestic violence homicides between 1995 and 2005.

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