



## SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS

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DATE: January 6, 2010  
AGENCY: SEDGWICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
LOCATION: WICHITA/SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS  
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SEDGWICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE MAKES ARRESTS IN STRING OF HEAVY EQUIPMENT BATTERY THEFTS. IN DECEMBER 2009, SEDGWICK COUNTY EXPERIENCED AN INCREASE IN THE THEFT OF BATTERIES FROM FARM MACHINERY, SEMI TRUCKS, AND EARTH MOVING EQUIPMENT. FOUR ADULT MALES HAVE BEEN ARRESTED FOR THESE CRIMES. INVESTIGATORS BELIEVE THAT THESE SUSPECTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR A LARGE NUMBER OF THEFTS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN DISCOVERED OR REPORTED. CITIZENS OF WESTERN SEDGWICK COUNTY ARE ENCOURAGED TO CHECK THEIR HEAVY EQUIPMENT FOR MISSING BATTERIES AND THEIR OUTBUILDINGS FOR MISSING TOOLS. ADDITIONAL CASES SHOULD BE REPORTED BY CALLING 911.

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