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**Multi-jurisdictional meth operation targeted Neosho, Allen, Bourbon Counties today**

Thirteen law enforcement agencies today participated in a multi-jurisdictional operation serving ten search warrants and multiple arrest warrants on subjects associated with conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine and other related crimes. This is the culmination of an eight month investigation primarily impacting Neosho, Allen and Bourbon Counties in Southeast Kansas.

The Attorney General's Office, Kansas Bureau of Investigation, and the Neosho County Sheriff's Office, along with the Chanute Police Department, Allen County Sheriff's Office, Iola Police Department, Crawford County Sheriff's Office, Bourbon County Sheriff's Office, Fort Scott Police Department, Paola Police Department, Coffey County Sheriff's Office, Kansas Highway Patrol, and the Kansas National Guard Counterdrug Program participated in the operation. Many of these agencies are members of the Southeast Kansas Drug Enforcement Task Force.

Law enforcement officers from 13 agencies served 10 warrants at locations in the cities of Chanute, Iola, Stark, Thayer, Buffalo, Paola, and Fort Scott. Eight individuals were arrested by law enforcement today, additional arrests are expected.

There will be a news conference with Attorney General Steve Six and other participating law enforcement officers tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m. at Neosho County Sheriff's Office (402 E State Street) in Erie. More information will be available at that time.

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