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KBI to Review and Audit Kansas Offender Registry

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Citing his desire that Kansans have access to complete and accurate information about registered offenders living among them, Kansas Attorney General Phill Kline ordered the Kansas Bureau of Investigation to review and audit the state's offender registry.

Kline said the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, which maintains the offender registry, will do an internal audit and study a random sample of the state's registered offenders. He said the audit may lead to changes in public policy to improve how the state tracks offenders.

"It is fundamentally important that parents know when there are potential dangers around them so they can take appropriate action to keep their children safe," Kline said. "We must ensure that we are doing our part to keep Kansas neighborhoods a safe place in which children can grow, learn and play."

The audit, which Kline ordered completed in time to help formulate legislation for the next legislative session, will help to ensure that the state is keeping track of the movement of those required to register with the state's offender registry. Kline, who has oversight of the Kansas Bureau of Investigation and was joined for the announcement by KBI Director Larry Welch, announced that the results of the review and audit will be used to help develop policy recommendations in order to improve our system of keeping the public informed regarding the presence of offenders in their neighborhoods. Kline stated that he will release the results of the review and audit to the public once completed.

Every 90 days the KBI sends letters to registered offenders and if a letter comes back as undeliverable because of a wrong address, the KBI notifies local law enforcement authorities. From there, local prosecutors may file charges against the sex offender for violating the offender registry act.



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Kline said violating the act is a felony that carries a penalty of probation, which he said isn't sufficient punishment. He said the U.S. Department of Justice reports that the average pedophile commits 16 offenses while on probation.

Kansas was one of the first states to agree to participate in a national offender registry. The details of that registry are under way.

The Kansas offender registry can be accessed through the KBI Web site at www.accesskansas.org/kbi.

KIBRS Electronic Submissions

by Bill Reid, KBI
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For the first half of 2005, the KBI has received electronic submission of KSOR/KSAR reports from an average of 72 agencies per month. While this is a vast improvement from previous years, we can not stress enough the importance of submitting timely reports.

If your agency is certified to submit electronic reports, please place a reminder on your calendar to submit that data to us at least once a week.

There are currently several agencies testing to send electronically and we hope to certify many of these agencies by the end of the year.

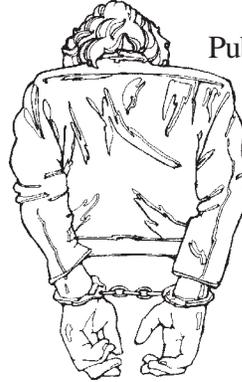
For more information on certifying your agency to send data electronically, contact:

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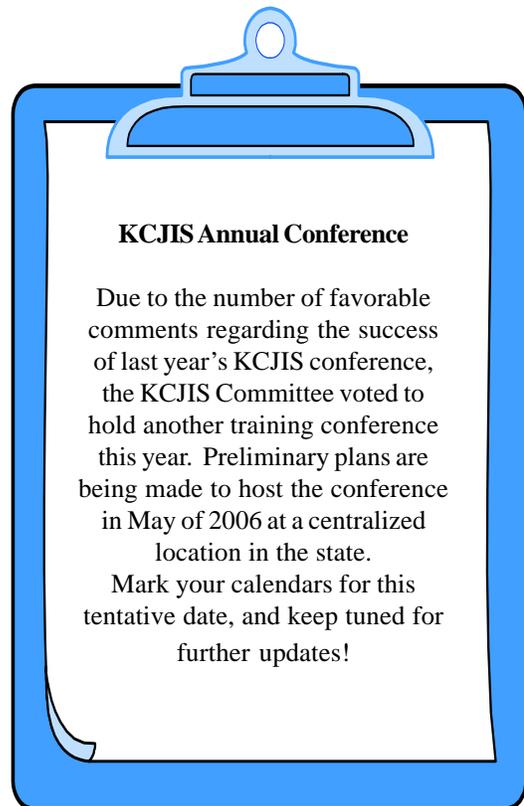
Statute Change in Kansas Offender Registration Act

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Effective July 1, 2005, K.S.A. 22-4909 was amended to require prominent notice on the KBI offender registry website as to whether a registered offender is or is not a sex offender.

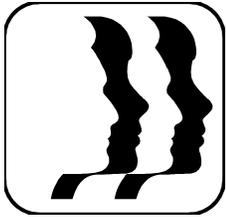
Any offender who by virtue of their registering offense meets the definition of "sex offender", "sexually violent predator" or was convicted of criminal sexual conduct with a person less than 18 years of age, as set forth in K.S.A. 22-4902, shall be designated as a "sex offender" on this website.



KCJIS Annual Conference

Due to the number of favorable comments regarding the success of last year's KCJIS conference, the KCJIS Committee voted to hold another training conference this year. Preliminary plans are being made to host the conference in May of 2006 at a centralized location in the state.

Mark your calendars for this tentative date, and keep tuned for further updates!



The NCIC/Identity Theft File

by Bob Eckhardt, KHP
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Beginning April of 2005, the FBI has incorporated a new file into NCIC. This new file is the "Identity Theft File". The Identity Theft File will serve as a means for law enforcement to "flag" stolen identities and identify the imposter when encountered.

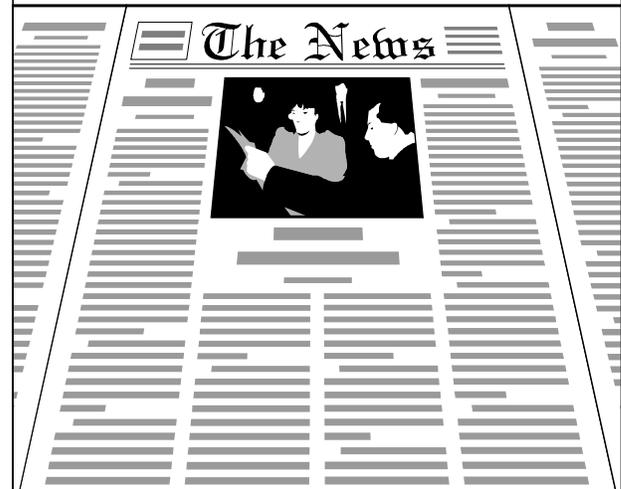
When an identity theft victim becomes aware that his/her identity has been stolen and reports the incident to law enforcement, the police officer should complete an incident report and collect pertinent information from the victim to create a victim profile that is entered into the Identity Theft File. The profile should include information such as the victim's name, date of birth, Social Security number (optional), and the type of identity theft. When the report is being taken, the victim will be asked to supply a password that they will be able to readily recall during any subsequent encounter with law enforcement personnel. The password may be up to 20 characters long and may contain alphabetic, numbers and special characters. Also, since KCJIS supports entering and retrieving images from NCIC, agencies are encouraged to enter a mugshot of the victim into NCIC which may be used as an additional form of identification for the victim. **Whenever the mugshot is retrieved, it must clearly specify that the mugshot is that of the victim and not that of the offender.**

During a subsequent encounter by law enforcement, including routine traffic stops, a query into NCIC will automatically search the Identity Theft File and, if positive, generate a response to the inquiring agency. The response will list the victim profile, including their password, thereby providing the officer with the information necessary to verify whether the person encountered is the victim of the identity theft or the perpetrator using the victim's identity. **The officer should be cognizant that the individual should not be arrested or detained based solely upon the information provided in the positive response from the Identity Theft File.** The response should be considered along with additional information or circumstances surrounding the

encounter before the officer takes action. Also, during this encounter, the exchange of the password will need to occur between the officer and the dispatcher when attempting to ascertain whether the individual is the victim or the perpetrator. During this exchange, it is very important to take steps to minimize the chance of the password being compromised when it is transmitted over the radio. To this end, the Kansas Highway Patrol has developed some protocol that they will be using when exchanging an identity theft password. Any law enforcement agency interested in this protocol can request a copy of it via e-mail to khpcjis@khp.ks.gov or by phone at 785-296-5981.

KIBRS DEADLINES

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| October 14, 2005: | Third Quarter deadline. All July- September 2005 data submitted to the KBI headquarters. |
| January 13, 2005: | Fourth Quarter deadline. All October- December 2005 data submitted to the KBI headquarters. |
| January 20, 2005: | Deadline for all January- December 2005 data to be submitted to KBI headquarters for inclusion in the FBI Crime in the United States publication and other Annual Statistic Reports. |





Nlets News

by Vicky Harris, KBI
Public Service Executive II

The International Justice and Public Safety Information Sharing Network (Nlets) held its 38th Annual Conference June 21-23, 2005 in Portland, Maine. I was re-elected the Chairperson of Region G for the upcoming year, and as such, will again serve on the Nlets Board of Directors. If you have not visited the Nlets public web site, please take a few minutes to do so at <http://www.nlets.org>. Nlets is always looking for “success stories” regarding how Nlets may have served your agency by providing access to timely, critical information. If you have any stories you would like to share, please contact me at vicky.harris@kbi.state.ks.us. The information may be used in various publications or magazine articles.

KCJIS Message Switch Updates

by Vicky Harris, KBI
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Message Switch Upgrade

During the month of June, you may have noticed quite a number of times that the message switch was down due to “maintenance”. We are glad to report that as of June 29, 2005, the KBI has completed a major upgrade of the KCJIS message switch. The message switch has been upgraded to new, state-of-the-art hardware and software. This is the first upgrade of its kind since the installation of the KCJIS message switch in early 1998 and should vastly improve the message switch performance and reliability over the upcoming years.

Message Switch End-User Software

PsPortals has agreed to provide its Portal 100 software to Kansas through June 30, 2007 at no additional cost to the state. This will allow Kansas to issue an RFP for end-user software to accommodate Kansas’s needs, and to have this software tested and installed for all users by June 30, 2007. Currently, Kansas supports two products; Datamaxx LINXX 2010 software as well as the Portal 100 software.

KIBRS Quality Assurance Issues

by Bill Reid, KBI
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1. It has become more necessary for law enforcement to keep track of the theft of chemicals that are used to manufacture methamphetamine. We are asking that agencies make certain, when reporting anhydrous ammonia thefts, they use the property key for herbicide (1137) but overwrite the description box from herbicide to anhydrous ammonia.
2. When filling out an arrest report for a runaway, please checkmark the box for runaway instead of juvenile.
3. When reporting property valued at over \$100, please give a description of the property. Even though it may fall under the property code for Miscellaneous (1199), you may type over the description to give a more specific account of what was taken.
4. Also, please keep in mind that if several offenses did not occur at the same time and place it will almost always require the reporting of more than one incident. The only exception to this is cases involving embezzlement
5. If a homicide is reported in your jurisdiction, you need to send a Kansas Supplemental Homicide Report to the KBI. If your reports are sent to us electronically, you will also need to send a paper copy of the KSOR/ KSAR for that incident.

KIBRS Statistical Reports Available

The following statistical reports are available at <http://www.accesskansas.org/kbi/stats.shtml>

1. 2004 Crime Index Report
2. 2004 Juvenile Arrests by Agency
3. 2004 Adult Arrests by Agency

The 2004 Domestic Violence/Rape book will be available soon.



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