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## **MEDIA ADVISORY:**

## New task force and fentanyl enforcement efforts to be announced

**TOPEKA** — The Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI), the Kansas Attorney General's Office, the Kansas Highway Patrol (KHP), Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) and other key partners will announce a new collaborative initiative called the Joint Fentanyl Impact Team, aimed at combatting fentanyl in Kansas. JFIT, along with a new KBI K-9 unit will be introduced.

What: New state and federal task force formed to combat fentanyl trafficking in Kansas

Who: Kansas Attorney General Kris Kobach, KBI Director Tony Mattivi, KHP Colonel

Erik Smith, HSI Acting Special Agent in Charge Taekuk Cho, Midwest HIDTA Executive Director Dan Neill, and Wichita Metro Crime Commission Board

Director Norris Slupianek

When: Monday, July 24

2 p.m.

Where: KBI Forensic Science Center Auditorium

2011 SW Washburn Ave. Topeka, Kansas 66604

Parking is adequate. The auditorium is located off the lobby to the left after

entering the main doors.

How: Short remarks will be delivered by each partner in the initiative, followed by

a K-9 demonstration, and an opportunity for media outlets to ask questions.

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