

'Don't drink and drive,' say patrol's red ribbons

Every November, the Kansas Highway Patrol ties red ribbons to their vehicles to show zero tolerance for impaired driving. The Patrol will display the ribbons from now through New Year's, memorializing lives lost due to alcohol-related crashes. "Alcohol-related crashes have devastating consequences on families," Colonel Terry Maple, Superintendent of the Highway Patrol said. "There are multiple victims anytime someone is killed in a

crash of this nature. One of the saddest things is that these can all be prevented." According to Kansas Mothers Against Drunk Driving, there are about 20,000 arrests annually in Kansas for impaired driving. Statistics from the Kansas Department of Transportation show that during the 2009 Thanksgiving reporting period (from 6 p.m. Wednesday through midnight Sunday), there were 44 alcohol-related crashes, four deaths and 18 injuries. During the Christmas reporting period, there were 20 alcohol-related crashes, with one fatality. During the New Year's reporting period, there were 58 alcohol-related crashes with one death. "The people left behind deal with these crashes everyday thereafter, and the holidays are a particularly tough time. This is why we choose to join the Red Ribbon campaign, to remember those lives lost prematurely due to alcohol-related crashes," Maple said.

The Patrol reminds motorists not drink and drive, and do not let your friends or family members drive while impaired. If you consume alcohol, call for a sober ride home, or make plans to have a sober ride home before going to holiday parties. Motorists concerned that another driver might be impaired can use their cell phone to dial *47 (*HP) on Kansas highways or *582 (*KTA) on the Kansas

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Turnpike to reach the nearest highway patrol dispatcher. The Patrol encourages all motorists to tie a red ribbon to an antenna, side mirror, or door handle, pledging to drive safely, and not while impaired. Starting next Wednesday, ribbons will be available at the Law Enforcement Center and the Thomas County Courthouse. Any 18-inch strip of red ribbon will show your support.

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE

- Friday**
- 1:19 a.m. - Hit and run: vehicle hit at 275 Hill St. Report filed.
 - 3:40 a.m. - Hit and run with fixed object: subject called officer to report gas smell in the area of Sixth and Garfield. Report filed on gas meter hit.
 - 9:36 a.m. - Dog at large at Summit and Chickamauga, turned over to owner.
 - 10 a.m. - Hit and run: owner says someone took his vehicle, wrecked it, and left it in parking lot at 735 E. College Drive. Vehicle is related to case at 1:19 a.m.
 - 10:25 a.m. - Accident in parking lot at 990 S. Range.
 - 12:02 p.m. - Subject wanted welfare check on roommate not seen since last week. All OK.
 - 2:28 p.m. - Items stolen.
 - 2:33 p.m. - Assisted ambulance crew on call.
 - 2:43 p.m. - Two dogs at large at 1150 S. Franklin, not found.
 - 4:31 p.m. - Assisted ambulance crew at Walmart.
 - 6:01 p.m. - Assisted sheriff's office at eastbound U.S. 24 mile 52.
 - 8:56 p.m. - Removed debris from roadway at College and Franklin.
 - 9:36 p.m. - Minor two-vehicle collision at 170 W. Fourth St. No report.
 - 10 :23 p.m. - Security check at B-Hive.
- Saturday**
- 12:06 a.m. - Provided walk-through at Twisters.
 - 1:58 a.m. - Walk-through at Walmart.
 - 3 a.m. - Noise complaint at 680 N. Range. Spoke with subjects.
 - 11:26 a.m. - Funeral blocks.
 - 3:28 p.m. - Subject struck gas meter at 1395 Lue Dr. Report filed.
 - 3:56 p.m. - Hit and run in Walmart parking lot.

- 5:54 p.m. - Two dogs at large at 1730 Harvey Ave. taken to Colby Animal Clinic.
 - 6:06 p.m. - Gas skip from Kabredlo's. Clerk called back; manager didn't want a report.
 - 6:11 p.m. - Attempt to locate requested on overdue motorist. Highway Patrol located.
 - 9:41 p.m. - Possible theft of employee's cell phone reported; four subjects there earlier trying to sell perfume. Spoke to subjects; no report.
 - 11 :29 p.m. - Clerk at Walmart reported subjects from complaint at 9:41 had been there. Report filed for theft from that complaint. Found subjects at Bosselman's.
- Sunday**
- 12:10 p.m. - Subject brought firearm to station found at old sewer pits. Supplement filed to report in 2007; entry removed from National Crime Information Center.
 - 10 :35 p.m. - Security check.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF

- Thursday**
- 7:57 a.m. - Ronald E. Blackmon arrested by Atwood Police on warrant.
 - 12:12 p.m. - Roberto Flores-Rios arrested on warrant.
 - 12:12 p.m. - Christopher David Sears arrested on warrant.
 - 12:12 p.m. - Melissa Ann Miller arrested on warrant.
 - 2:38 p.m. - Assisted Highway Patrol on drug traffic stop eastbound on I-70 off ramp at mile 54.
 - 3:26 p.m. - Gary Eugene Allen arrested on warrant.
 - 3:26 p.m. - Laurie Cipriani arrested on warrant.
 - 4:14 p.m. - Aggressive dog reported at the park in Levant. Spoke with subjects, animals were taken inside.
 - 6:16 p.m. - Assisted Highway Patrol with vehicle-deer accident

- on I-70 eastbound at mile 61.
- Friday**
- 12:17 a.m. - Subject reported getting text messages from subjects he does not know. Provided information.
 - 10:56 a.m. - Subject came to station about possible scam letter he received.
 - 1:29 p.m. - Lost license plate.
 - 1:57 p.m. - Theft of cattle from Colby Livestock Auction. Report filed.
 - 6:01 p.m. - Deer hit vehicle on eastbound U.S. 24 mile 52. No damage to vehicle, no need for report. Unaware if animal in roadway. Roadway clear.
 - 8:49 p.m. - Subject called 911, reported being left by the Greyhound bus at westbound I-70 mile 49.

- Saturday**
- 7:19 a.m. - Report of criminal damage to property.
 - 3:26 p.m. - Report filed for domestic call on 911.
 - 3:34 p.m. - Took photos in the 900 block of East College Dr. for case.
 - 5:23 p.m. - Civil standby on School St. in Rexford.

- Sunday**
- Only jail care recorded.
- Monday**
- 1:16 a.m. - Semi with flashers on eastbound I-70 at mile 49. All OK, had help coming.
 - 1:18 a.m. - Semi driver reported a dead deer in road on eastbound I-70 at mile 46. Disposed of.
 - 3:45 a.m. - Vehicle slide off reported in the 2400 block of U.S. 24.
 - 10:43 a.m. - Assisted Highway Patrol at I-70 mile 56.
 - 6:48 p.m. - Suspicious vehicle parked on the side of road on County Rd. S between County Rds. 11 and 12.
 - 6:50 p.m. - Sheridan County advised of accident with deer at the Nine Mile corner.

Thomas County Jail

- Booked into the Thomas County jail:
- Christopher Alan Hansen, 20, Colby, Aug. 19, rape, indecent solicitation of a child, failure to appear/minor in possession, Thomas County Sheriff's Office, released Nov. 4 on diversion, paid fines and court costs.
- Pedro Galicia, 39, Colby, Sept. 17, disorderly conduct, domestic violence, Colby Police Department, released Sept. 18 on recognizance.
- Patrick James McNeal, 38, Brighton, Colo.; Oct. 7, failure to appear, Colby Police, released Nov. 4 on continued probation.
- Terrin Parish Keith, 22, Goodland, Oct. 22, sale/distribution/cultivation of opiates, opium, narcotics, conspiracy, unlawful use of communication facility, no drug tax stamp, Thomas County, released Oct. 28 on \$50,000 bond.
- Joseph Rey Briceno, 20, Colby, Oct. 25, conspiracy, unlawful use of communication facility, Colby Police, released Oct. 27 on \$100,000 bond.
- Nathaniel Elliot King, 24, Rexford, Oct. 27, driving with license suspended or revoked, Thomas County, released Oct. 29 for time served.
- Joseph Abraham Coffman, 37, Colby, Oct. 28, no drug tax stamp, sale/distribution of certain hallucinogenic drugs, conspiracy to commit felony, Thomas County, released Oct. 29 on \$100,000 bond.
- Rolando Rodriguez, 39, West New York, N.J., possession of certain other illegal drugs, conspiracy to commit felony, unlawful use of communication facility, no drug tax stamp, Kansas Highway Patrol, transported Nov. 11 to Ellis County Jail to await federal charges.
- Dale Lee Thompson, 54, Phoenix, Ore., Oct. 28, distribution of schedule V drug or analog,

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- Brewster, Nov. 8, criminal threat, assault, criminal restraint, Thomas County, released Nov. 12 on bond.
- Leon Bernard Zerr, 54, Colby, Nov. 8, driving under the influence/fifth count, Colby Police, released Nov. 12 on \$5,000 bond.
- Herbert Matthew McNally, 32, Key West, Fla., Nov. 9, distribution of certain hallucinogens, conspiracy, no drug tax stamp, Highway Patrol, released Nov. 10 on recognizance.
- Leighton Charles Ramsey, 33, Roseburg, Ore., Nov. 9, distribution of certain hallucinogens, no drug tax stamp, conspiracy, Highway Patrol, released Nov. 10 on \$100,000 bond.
- Gerald Ross, Wescott, 60, Norcat, Nov. 9, giving a worthless check, Thomas County, released same day for fines and court costs.
- Loyd Lane Stiner, 57, Colby, Nov. 10, probation revocation, Thomas County, released same day on \$2,500 bond.
- Andrew Logan Wright, 24, Colby, Nov. 10, failure to pay/driving under the influence, Thomas County, released same day for fines and court costs.
- Steven Allen Gorden, 19, Denver, Nov. 12, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, Thomas County, released same day on notice to appear.
- Tyson Roy Owings, 31, Colby, Nov. 13, pedestrian under the influence, Colby Police, released same day on recognizance.
- Joshua James Evans, 22, Colby, Nov. 14, battery, Colby Police, released same day on notice to appear.
- Greta Leigh Musil, 40, Brewster, Nov. 14, disorderly conduct, Colby Police, released Nov. 15 on notice to appear.

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