

**On the Beat**

**COLBY POLICE**

**Friday**

12:55 a.m. – Suspicious incident: caller requested officer in reference to theft. Spoke with subjects; civil matter.  
 2:10 a.m. – Walk-through at Walmart  
 3:23 a.m. – Clerk reported gas skip. Report filed.  
 6:02 a.m. – Unlocked building at Fike Park.  
 7:30 a.m. – Provided directions to motorist at Oasis Travel Center at 700 W. Horton.  
 9:25 a.m. – Caller reported rental house has smell of marijuana; provided information.  
 10:14 a.m. – Protective custody: caller needed subject's welfare checked. All OK.  
 10:28 a.m. – Child in need of care: caller reported juvenile was last seen at 8 a.m. Thursday. Report filed.  
 1:56 p.m. – Chief advised suspicious man sitting under a tree. All OK; directions given.  
 2:18 p.m. – Helped ambulance crew on call.  
 3:40 p.m. – Domestic battery report filed.  
 4:46 p.m. – Stranded motorist on Range at Williams; vehicle was pushed onto Williams.  
 5:05 p.m. – Domestic battery: subject called 911. Report filed.  
 7:15 p.m. – Subject came to station to report seeing subjects arguing. Not found.  
 8:38 p.m. – Caller reported hitchhiker. Subject spoken to, assisted. Same person as noted at 1:56 p.m.  
 11:12 p.m. – Locked restrooms at Fike Park.

**Saturday**

1:56 a.m. – Walk-through at Twisters  
 2:20 a.m. – Walk-through at B-Hive.  
 3:21 a.m. – Report filed for incident.  
 7 a.m. – Alarm: All OK, accidental.  
 12:35 p.m. – Caller reported she believes someone is committing libel against her. Spoke to reporting party, provided information. This situation not a criminal offense.  
 1:19 p.m. – Subject came to station about possible money scam. Report filed.  
 2:31 p.m. – Caller had issue with tenant. Provided information.  
 3:11 p.m. – Provided directions to motorist at Oasis.  
 4:22 p.m. – Accident in Living Center East parking lot at 1255 S. Range.  
 7:39 p.m. – Caller reported a male carrying large duffel bag leaving store. Located subject, took to motel.  
 8:45 p.m. – Raised flags at several different businesses.  
 8:54 p.m. – Barking dog. Unable to locate; spoke with report-

ing party.

9:33 p.m. – Barking dog at large. Unable to catch.  
 9:35 p.m. – Caller reported an open garage door. Door secure, management notified.  
 10:13 p.m. – Caller reported a subject that has a curfew at convenience store. Unable to locate, will call if subject comes in.  
 10:34 p.m. – Supplemental report filed on damage to door at Fike Park.  
 11:30 p.m. – Locked building at Fike Park.  
 11:54 p.m. – Caller reported subject out past curfew and not home. Unable to locate.  
 11:58 p.m. – Sheriff's office unit requested assistance with traffic stop.

**Sunday**

1:06 a.m. – Caller reported juvenile runaway. No report at this time, juvenile returned home.  
 2:57 a.m. – Security check at Twisters.  
 6:41 a.m. – Unlocked building at Fike Park.  
 8:54 a.m. – Suspicious subject: caller asked to speak with officer about employment. Spoke with subject.  
 12:32 p.m. – Helped ambulance crew.  
 1:08 p.m. – Accident at Franklin and Fourth.  
 2:51 p.m. – Removed debris from roadway in the 1900 block of S. Range.  
 8:51 p.m. – Caller reported injured bull snake in yard. Disposed of.

**THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF**

**Friday**

10:06 a.m. – Caller reported possible drunk or sleepy driver southbound on K-25 from County Rd. K. Unable to catch; information given to Logan County Sheriff's Office.  
 1:45 p.m. – Caller reported possible drunk or sleepy driver in semi southbound on U.S. 83 at mile 177. Not found.  
 3:56 p.m. – Caller requested deputy for domestic situation. Three deputies and sheriff responded.  
 4:33 p.m. – Released Nicholas Joseph Smith to Neosho County.

**Saturday**

7:21 a.m. – Caller reported three head of cattle out on roadway at southbound K-25 mile 201. Not found.  
 8:33 a.m. – Caller reported cow on roadway at eastbound I-70 mile 40. Put back into pasture, all OK.  
 3:42 p.m. – Helped Colby Police on warrant arrest.  
 4:17 p.m. – Booked Jeremy Brandon Wright.  
 8:56 p.m. – Domestic call.  
 9:53 p.m. – Prowler reported.

**Sunday**

11:20 p.m. – Deputy hit deer at Mile 53 off ramp of I-70.

# Drunk driving push begins

Officials responsible for enforcing impaired driving laws have announced an elevated enforcement initiative before, during and after the Labor Day holiday weekend. Sedgwick County Sheriff Robert Hinshaw said: "Tragedy follows if you drink and drive, even if you've only had one or two drinks," he said. "If you don't die, you may be responsible for somebody else's death. That's why if you're over the limit, you're going to go to jail."

Thomas Weilert, an assistant district attorney who oversees prosecution of driving under the influence cases in Sedgwick County, gave an overview of legislation that took effect in July raising penalties and expanding use of an ignition interlock device that offenders will be required to use.

"Just getting stopped and ticketed for DUI is a life-changing event that will cost you several thousand dollars, even for a first-time offense," Weilert said. "Once you include the fine, attorney fees, time off work, court-ordered alcohol treatment, court costs, the ignition interlock

device and much more, this will cost you a lot of money."

"And if that's not enough, think about the personal impact of injuring yourself or someone else, or even taking somebody's life."

Weilert and Hinshaw spoke Friday in Wichita, during an event to announce elevated enforcement statewide over the next several weeks. Special Kansas Department of Transportation funding provides overtime to sheriffs' offices, police departments, and the Kansas Highway Patrol to get drunk drivers off Kansas roads and highways.

Pete Bodyk, traffic safety manager for the department's Bureau of Transportation Safety and Technology, said the annual "Drunk driving. Over the limit. Under arrest." initiative will occur across Kansas from Thursday through Monday, Sept. 5, as part of a national enforcement period leading up to and including Labor Day weekend.

There is no question that drinking and driving is deadly. In 2009, the most recent year for which data is available, impaired driving ac-

counted for only 5.4 percent of Kansas crashes, but 32.5 percent of all fatal crashes.

Statewide in 2009, there were 3,120 alcohol-related crashes, which resulted in 124 deaths and 1,917 injuries, and they disproportionately involved younger male drivers. Of the 3,120 alcohol-related crashes, more than half – 1,789 – involved drivers between the ages of 20 and 34. Of the 2,021 impaired drivers in this age group, nearly three-fourths were male – 1,502 males vs. 519 females.

Hinshaw and Weilert stressed personal responsibility on two levels – making transportation arrangements before leaving for an event where drinking will take place and reporting impaired driving when observed.

The national drunk driving crackdown, promoted by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, combines high-visibility enforcement with heightened public awareness efforts. It is designed to put all drivers on notice that if they are caught driving impaired, they will be arrested.

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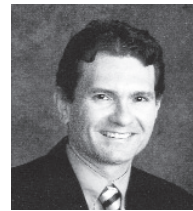
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