

## On the Beat

### COLBY POLICE

#### Wednesday

12:12 a.m. – Caller requesting to speak to an officer. Information provided.

2:45 a.m. – Walk though at the college.

9:29 a.m. – Civil standby.

9:58 a.m. – Subject came to Law Enforcement Center to report vehicle parked at 520 N. Grant. Vehicle not found.

9:58 a.m. – Subject came to Law Enforcement Center to report vehicle parked at 1114 Court Place. Forty-eight hour tow away notice posted.

6:45 p.m. – Subject came to Law Enforcement Center wanting information on local restaurants. Information provided.

9:10 p.m. – Provided traffic control for semi trying to turn around at Country Club Drive and Horton.

9:35 p.m. – Caller reported being assaulted. Officer spoke with subjects; no assault occurred.

#### Thursday

12:17 a.m. – Report on file for traffic stop: driving under the influence.

12:17 a.m. – Report on file for traffic stop: minor in possession.

12:49 a.m. – Caller reported friend drunk and suicidal. Subject not found; officers made contact via phone.

3:56 a.m. – Caller reported screaming. Subjects were chasing dog.

8 a.m. – Caller reported hit and run accident.

9 a.m. – Caller reported pickup parked a couple feet away from

curb line on East Fifth Street. Officer spoke to owner's son; will get moved later.

1:02 p.m. – Caller reported dog on a chain in backyard; caught on a pallet and cannot reach its water. Owner contacted.

2:30 p.m. – Subject came to Law Enforcement Center to report possible scam. No report on file; subject not out any money.

2:49 p.m. – Caller reported subject driving with people in vehicle on a restricted license. Information provided.

3:15 p.m. – Subject came to Law Enforcement Center to report receiving harassing text message. Information provided.

7:27 p.m. – Officer hand carried and delivered a letter to subject for police chief.

11:53 p.m. – Locked building at Fike Park.

### THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF

#### Wednesday

2:45 a.m. – Assisted police units with security check at the college.

10:56 a.m. – Report on file for vehicle seized on Aug. 18.

11:37 a.m. – Booked Michael Anthony Fieger.

12:18 p.m. – Assisted Kansas Highway Patrol on I-70.

1:51 p.m. – Booked San Yan Saechao.

2:39 p.m. – Booked Teng C. Saetern.

2:58 p.m. – Released Matthew Roy Montoya.

6:40 p.m. – Report on file for traffic stop on U.S. 83: driving under the influence.

7:20 p.m. – Booked Tina Louise Delzeit.

# Research, test drive before you buy



**Derek Schmidt**

• Attorney General

With the summer vacations winding down, and the kids going back to school or college, this can be a popular time of year for making car purchases. Vehicles – whether it is a teenager's first car or a new family minivan – are among the largest purchases we ever make. So, to make sure you get a good deal, it is important to keep a few things in mind and avoid getting scammed or buying a "lemon."

• Do your homework. Research your options by reviewing consumer magazines or online reviews. Learn about the vehicle's features, fuel mileage and maintenance costs. Also research the car's "book value," so you can be prepared to negotiate the price.

• Know the car's history. Especially with used cars, it is important to know about any accidents, repairs and maintenance history. Ask the dealer for a vehicle history report.

• Test drive. Check the vehicle's performance on hills, highways and in stop-and-go driving.

The Internet has opened up a wide variety of tools to research and purchase vehicles. Some-

times, bargains can be found online in locating vehicles that may not be available in your local area. Unfortunately, this has also opened up an opportunity for scammers.

An extra amount of caution is needed when dealing with people over the Internet. Scammers may offer a car at a price that sounds too good to be true, and then ask for a deposit to be wired to them to hold the car until you can pick it up. Unfortunately, in many cases, the car never existed – and once the money is wired, there is no way to get it back.

Your safest bet is most always to work with a local, reputable dealer. However, if you do

choose to shop for cars online, be especially cautious and skeptical. Request a full title history and vehicle inspection, and never send a payment until you see the vehicle.

As an important reminder when buying or selling used cars, "as-is" sales are not legal in Kansas unless the defects are disclosed to the buyer. Putting this information in writing is always a good idea to avoid future disagreements.

Major purchases – like cars – involve a lot of money, and therefore are a common source of consumer complaints to our office. If you feel you have been scammed in any consumer transaction, please call our office at (800) 432-2310 or visit us online at [www.ksag.org](http://www.ksag.org). Our website also contains more consumer tips on buying cars and a wide range of other topics to help you protect yourself from scams.

*Derek Schmidt, a former state legislator, is the Kansas Attorney General. As the state's top law enforcement officer, Schmidt oversees legal services in Kansas.*

## Thomas County Jail

Booked into the Thomas County jail:

- Matthew Roy Montoya, 21, Colby, June 26, aggravated assault, disorderly conduct, battery, Colby Police Department, released Aug. 24 on recognizance.
- Jeremy Brandon Wright, 25, Grambery, Texas, Aug. 13, aggravated burglary, Colby Police Department, released Aug. 22 on probation.
- Alberto Luis Marrero, 40, Colby, Aug. 18, disorderly conduct, criminal trespassing, domestic battery, Colby Police Department,

released Aug. 19 on supervised probation.

- Donna May Lowe, 54, Colby, Aug. 19, failure to appear/gave worthless check, Thomas County Sheriff's Office, released same day on paid fines/restitution.
- Bryan David Walz, 37, Colby, Aug. 20, transporting open container/alcohol, Thomas County Sheriff's Office, released Aug. 22 on charges pending.
- Skylar Kay Justice, 18, Colby, Aug. 20, criminal damage to property, domestic battery, Colby Police Department, released Aug. 21

on recognizance.

- Kirt Alan Dugger, 20, Colby, Aug. 21, domestic battery, criminal damage to property, Colby Police Department, released same day to responsible party.
- Andre R. Morgan, 22, Hillsboro, Mo., Aug. 22, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of certain hallucinogenic drugs, Thomas County Sheriff's Office, released same day on recognizance.
- Derek M. Mills, 22, Imperial, Mo., Aug. 22, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of cer-

tain hallucinogenic drugs, Thomas County Sheriff's Office, released same day on recognizance.

- Wesley Games Page, 21, Colby, Aug. 25, driving under the influence, habitual violation/vehicle operation, Colby Police Department, released same day on notice to appear.
- Jerad Leroy Sullivan, 20, Colby, Aug. 25, minor in possession/consumption, Colby Police Department, released same day on notice to appear.

# Wichita judge sets aside conviction in Rwanda genocide case

WICHITA (AP) — A federal judge on Thursday dismissed all charges against a Kansas man convicted of lying to U.S. immigration officials about his whereabouts during the 1994 Rwandan mass killings, ending a case that was the first in the nation to require proof of genocide.

Prosecutors earlier in the day asked U.S. District Judge Monti Belot to set aside Lazare Kobaga-

ya's visa fraud conviction and dismiss a charge of lying during his citizenship application.

Jurors in May found that Kobagaya, 84, of Topeka, lied on immigration forms about where he was at the time of the genocide, but said the government did not prove he took part in the atrocities.

In their motion, prosecutors said that they have identified a po-

tential issue with the jury instructions and witness information that likely would warrant a new trial even on the single count for which Kobagaya was convicted.

In a filing last week, the government first revealed to the court that it inadvertently failed to disclose earlier to the defense information from a consular of-

ficer in Kenya who was listed on Kobagaya's immigration application. The consular officer had told prosecutors that even if she had known Kobagaya was in Rwanda

in 1994, it would not have caused her to inquire further into his application because Kobagaya was a Burundian national.

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