MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve Morris at 11:00 a.m. on March 29, 2001 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: All Present

Committee staff present:

Alan Conroy, Chief Fiscal Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Debra Hollon, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Amory Lovin, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Rae Anne Davis, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Paul West, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Robert Chapman, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Julian Efird, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Michael Corrigan, Assistant Revisor, Revisor of Statutes Office

Julie Weber, Administrative Assistant to the Chairman

Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Representative Melvin Minor

Brad D. Rayl, Chairman of Master Plan Committee, State Fair Board

Bill Ogg, General Manager, Kansas State Fair

Bob Barker, President, State Fair Board

Elena Nuss for Gale Haag, State Fire Marshal

Jack Brier, Executive Director, Kansas Development Finance Authority

Todd Frazier, Kansas Development Finance Authority

Representative Bob Bethell

John Lehman, Apostolic Christian Home, Sabetha and Board of Adult Care Home Administrators

Kerri Ruhlman, Executive Director, Kansas Adult Care Executives

Lisa Roberts, Director of Health Occupations Credentialing, Kansas Department of Health and Environment

Joyce Barr, Member, Board of Adult Care Home Administrators

Debra Zehr, Vice President, Kansas Association of Homes and Services for the Aging

Senator Anthony Hensley

Beth Mechler, Special Enforcement Officer

Randall Listrom, Topeka Police Officer

Rick Husselman, Supervisor, Southern Parole Region, SEO Unit

Others attending:

See attached guest list

Chairman Morris opened the public hearing on:

HB 2283--Attorney for board of adult care home administrators appointed by the attorney general

Staff briefed the committee on the bill.

The following conferees appeared before the Committee:

Representative Bob Bethell spoke in support of <u>HB 2283</u> (<u>Attachment 1</u>).

John Lehman, Apostolic Christian Home, Sabetha, and Board of Adult Care Home Administrators, spoke in support of <u>HB 2283</u> (<u>Attachment 2</u>).

Kerri Ruhlman, Executive Director, Kansas Adult Care Executives, spoke in support of <u>HB 2283</u> (<u>Attachment 3</u>).

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Lisa Roberts, Director, Health Occupations Credentialing, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, spoke in support of <u>HB 2283</u> (<u>Attachment 4</u>).

Joyce Barr, Member, Board of Adult Care Home Administrators, spoke in support of <u>HB 2283</u> (<u>Attachment 5</u>).

Written testimony in support of <u>HB 2283</u> was submitted by Debra Zehr, Vice President, Kansas Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (<u>Attachment 6</u>).

There being no further conferees to come before the Committee, the Chairman closed the public hearing on <u>HB 2283</u>.

Chairman Morris opened the public hearing on:

HB 2493--Kansas state fairgrounds repair and reconstruction

Staff briefed the committee on the bill.

Chairman Morris welcomed the following conferees:

Representative Melvin Minor spoke in support of <u>HB 2493</u> (No written testimony was provided.). Representative Minor noted that the Fair Board has done an excellent job. He noted that the state needs to take an active role and look at the bill as an economic development opportunity. Chairman Morris mentioned that the Joint Committee on State Building Construction suggested that the Fair Board construct a master plan for state fairgrounds capital improvements.

Copies of the Long-Range Master Plan, Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson, dated September 8, 1999, were distributed (<u>Attachment 7</u>). A time line chart covering Year 1 through Year 6 of the Master Plan for the State Fair was also distributed and is filed with the Kansas Legislative Research Department.

The following three conferees spoke in support of <u>HB 2493</u> and briefly addressed portions of the Master Plan for the Kansas State Fair (information is found in Attachment 7):

Brad Rayl, Chairman of the Master Plan Committee and Member of the State Fair Board.

Bill Ogg, General Manager and Secretary of the State Fair Board.

Bob Barker, Member, State Fair Board.

Elena Nuss who spoke in support of <u>HB 2493</u> on behalf of State Fire Marshal Gale Haag (<u>Attachment 8</u>).

Jack Brier, President, Kansas Development Finance Authority (KDFA) spoke regarding <u>HB 2493</u> (No written testimony was provided). Mr. Brier mentioned that Todd Frazier, Vice President of KDFA, was with him to answer questions. Mr. Brier noted that the legislation was adequate to create the revenue stream that is needed to fund the improvements to the state fairgrounds and they believe the bonds will be very marketable. Mr. Brier mentioned that the capitalizing interest to hold in the future would work, but they want to take some time to evaluate it in terms of the bond issue as it may affect it.

Committee questions and discussion followed.

There being no further conferees to come before the Committee, the Chairman closed the public hearing on <u>HB 2493</u>.

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Chairman Morris opened the public hearing on:

SB 351--Special enforcement officers to be eligible for KPF membership

Staff briefed the committee on the bill and distributed copies of information, "Fiscal Year 1999, Kansas Department of Corrections, Special Enforcement Unit Achievements" (Attachment 9).

Chairman Morris welcomed the following conferees:

Senator Anthony Hensley who spoke in support of <u>SB 351</u>. Senator Hensley mentioned that this bill applies to fourteen individuals that are currently in the Department of Corrections Parole Services. It is his understanding that their job duties are to serve warrants, arrest parole violators, conduct drug searches and that these individuals come in direct contact with some of the more dangerous felons as often as many law enforcement officers. He feels it is safe to assume that they have some great risk in their job duties on a daily basis. Senator Hensley asks favorable consideration of <u>SB 351</u>. He also distributed copies of a letter he received from Michael O. Hall, Chief of Police, City of Pittsburg, Kansas (<u>Attachment 10</u>).

Beth Mechler, Special Enforcement Officer, spoke in support of **SB 351** (Attachment 11).

Randall Listrom, Topeka Police Officer, spoke in support of <u>SB 351</u>. Officer Listrom noted that he was not present on behalf of the Topeka Police Department. He noted that he has been with the Topeka Police Department for 24 years. Officer Listrom mentioned that he was present on behalf of his wife, Beth Mechler, and that she and others do the same functions in their positions that a police officer does. (No written testimony was provided.)

Rick Husselman, Supervisor, Southern Parole Region, SEO Unit, spoke in support of <u>SB 351</u>. Mr. Husselman noted that he has been involved in police work for twenty years. He noted that he was one of the original seven in the unit in the Department of Corrections in 1993 along with Ms. Mechler. Mr. Husselman noted that their duties involve risk and other factors that are the same as the Sheriff and Police Department. (No written testimony was provided.)

Committee questions and discussion followed.

There being no further conferees to come before the Committee, the Chairman closed the public hearing on <u>SB 351</u>.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 30, 2001.

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Testimony concerning HB2283 Senate Ways and Means March 29, 2001

Thank you Chairman Morris and committee members for giving me the opportunity to appear before you today in support of HB2283.

This bill is designed to correct a real or perceived conflict of interest within the current structure of the Board of Adult Care Home Administrators. When federal law created the BACHA it was placed in the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. The issue that is voiced is the concern about overlapping of the role of survey and enforcement of KDH&E and the disciplining of the Adult Care Home Administrator.

When the same department surveys and rules that an infraction of the rules exists in the operation of a facility, there are deficiencies awarded to the facility. The problem that then arises is that the very same department will also do an investigation of the situation and bring the issue to the BACHA. The administrator that is being brought before the BACHA has at this point had no opportunity to defend himself or herself. Or has there been an impartial evaluation of the complaint

By placing an appointee of the Attorney General as the investigator of the complaint an impartial review can be made.

There has been a fiscal note created for this bill that indicates the Attorney General would be responsible for approximately \$30,000.00 due to the shift of responsibility to investigate and meet with the BACHA. The House Appropriations has removed .5 FTE and \$30,000.00 from KDH&E's budget and placed that in the AG's budget.

An alternative to consider is that there are 715 licensed Adult Care Home Administrators in Kansas with current licenses, each is charged a fee of \$100.00 on a biannual basis. This would equate to \$71,500.00 bi-annually or \$35,750.00 annually in fees that could be used to offset regulatory issues.

Again thank you for your time and I will stand for questions.

Apostolic Christian Home 511 Paramount Sabetha, Kansas 66534 785-284-3471

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

My name is John Lehman. I am the Executive Director of the Apostolic Christian Home in Sabetha. Our facility is a 107-bed skilled nursing home with 99 adjacent retirement units. I also serve on the Board of Adult Care Home Administrators, being appointed in 1998. I come before this committee in support of H.B. 2283.

After serving on the BACHA board for three years, I see the need to separate this board from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. KDHE is the agency that regulates all nursing homes in Kansas, citing deficiencies of care during annual or special surveys. This agency makes the initial determination to send a complaint of an administrator to the BACHA board. Additional KDHE staff review each case (including their own legal counsel) and present recommendations to the BACHA board.

I believe a separation of this board is necessary and should be handled by the state judicial branch, namely the Office of Attorney General. I suggest that the present BACHA board work with the Attorney General's personnel to have a more balanced system in reviewing administrators' licenses. The BACHA board would be willing to assist in the establishment of policies so that a fair, as well as a balanced, system of review will be given to each administrator who has received a complaint.

Thank you for your attention and giving me the opportunity to provide testimony in support of H.B. 2283.



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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

My name is Kerrie Ruhlman. I am the Executive Director for the Kansas Adult Care Executives (KACE). Our Association represents over 300 adult care administrators operating nursing homes throughout Kansas. I am submitting testimony in support of H.B. 2283.

Adult care home administrators, my members, are convinced that the present Board of Adult Care Home Administrators (BACHA) procedures are unfair to administrators because the executive and judicial functions are housed in the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). KDHE is also the agency that regulates us.

Administrators feel that the current procedure for handling disciplinary actions is unfair, because the majority of the complaints raised against administrators' licenses originate from KDHE surveyors. At present, once a complaint has been made, it then remains within KDHE, which has sole authority to send cases on to the BACHA board. We feel an independent legal determination of the disciplinary cases is warranted. From the survey, until the BACHA board meeting, the procedure is closed within KDHE. In fact, the cases are even presented to the BACHA board by a KDHE attorney.

KDHE is responsible for policing our facilities, filing complaints as they deem necessary. However, currently, they are also involved in the prosecuting of those complaints they filed; we are convinced that a process of separation is crucial. Therefore, having the judicial functions of the BACHA board be handled by the state judicial arm is appropriate and fair.



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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT

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House Bill No. 2283

to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

by Lesa Roberts, Director, Health Occupations Credentialing

March 29, 2001

Chairman Morris, members of the committee, I am pleased to appear before the Senate Committee on Ways and Means to discuss House Bill 2283. This bill removes the enforcement activity for the Board of Adult Care Home Administrators from the Secretary of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and transfers that authority to the Office of the Attorney General. It also requires that an Assistant Attorney General be appointed to serve as the Board's attorney.

The department maintains administrative responsibility but not enforcement. We interpret this new language to mean that the prosecution of any case against an adult care home administrator or applicant would be under the purview of the Attorney General. Moving the Board's counsel to the Office of the Attorney General may cause incidental disruptions to current processes, but it is not expected to hamper or change the administrative service the department provides the Board. This is stated with the caveat that the Attorney General's office does not promote major procedural or processing changes. Further, this bill was amended in the House Committee on Appropriations to include a provision that the Governor appoints the members of the Kansas Board of Adult Care Home Administrators.

The department is very aware of the discontent some members of the adult care home industry have with the current organizational structure. The changes that have been affected over the past six years have not mediated the discontent. During the past six years these changes have occurred:

- a reduction in the paperwork associated with a complaint, summarizing essential allegations
- changes in personnel assigned as General Counsel to the Board
- changes in litigators
- collection of written responses from the licensee to be included with the complaint presented to the Board
- an increase in survey and inspection information

the development of abuse, neglect, exploitation investigation and reporting guidelines for licensees (completed by a task force of representatives of the industry's associations, a consumer advocacy group and Board members)

the development determinants and disciplinary guidelines for referrals that are made to the Board (also the product of the task force)

We assume that the bill does not require the Office of the Attorney General to complete investigatory functions, per se, and that the responsibility of enforcement includes prosecution of any complaint, administrative action or disciplinary cases brought to the Board on behalf of any party. Removing the legal representation, including General Counsel and litigators from the department is not problematic. It resembles the current arrangement which has been called into question, that the Board's counsel is appointed by the same entity appointing the litigator. The manner in which administrative hearings would be conducted needs to be clarified. Several other state boards have similar type arrangements with the state's chief law enforcement and general counsel. For example, the Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board, Board of Mortuary Arts, Real Estate Appraisal Board, Board of Accountancy, Board of Emergency Medical Services, Board of Nursing, Dental Board, Board of Technical Professions, Board of Hearing Aid Examiners and Board of Optometry each is served by the Office of the Attorney General with Assistant Attorneys General as board counsel. Some of those boards also have litigators assigned to them by the Office of the Attorney General's Civil Litigation Division.

With the interpretation that the "enforcement" authority includes prosecution of complaints or disciplinary actions brought by any party and providing General Counsel to the Board, the department respectfully requests that the bill be passed. Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on House Bill 2283. I would gladly respond to any questions you may have.

Testimony Senate Ways & Means Committee

My name is Joyce Barr. I am a Board member of the Adult Care Home Administrators (BACHA) representing the consumer. My mother was a victim of Alzheimers and a nursing home resident for 15 years. I was a Board member for the Alzheimer's Topeka Chapter for 6 years and still serve as a Support Group leader for family's of Alzheimers and other Dementias.

I am pleased to testify in support of H.B. 2283.

As a BACHA member I am concerned by the current process for handling disciplinary actions. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) which regulates administrators, also decides what disciplinary actions will be given. I feel this is very unfair.

I believe H.B. 2283 would provide the separation which is needed, having the Attorney General's office act as the enforcement agency.

As a BACHA member I would welcome the opportunity to work with the Attorney General's office to develop a more balanced system.

Thank you for this opportunity to speak in support of H.B. 2283.



Testimony in Support of House Bill 2283

To: Senator Steve Morris, Chair, and Members

Senate Ways and Means Committee

From: Debra Zehr, Vice President

Date: March 29, 2001

The Kansas Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (KAHSA) represents 150 not-for-profit nursing homes, retirement communities, assisted living facilities, senior housing and community service providers throughout the state.

KAHSA stands in support of House Bill 2283.

Currently, the Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) oversees all aspects of adult care home administrator regulation, investigation, prosecution and enforcement. The Secretary of Health and Environment appoints the members of the Board of Adult Care Home Administrators. KDHE staff are heavily involved in management of the Board's agenda and activities. Housing all of these functions in the same agency is atypical and had led to a perceived lack of objectivity and pervasive distrust in the investigation and enforcement process by adult care home administrators.

House Bill 2283 assigns an Assistant Attorney General for the Board of Adult Care Home Administrators and moves the responsibility for administrator investigation and enforcement to the Office of Attorney General. In addition, the measure assigns responsibility for the appointment of Board members to the Governor rather than the Secretary of Health and Environment. House Bill 2283 will afford the Board of Adult Care Home Administrators with a needed measure of autonomy from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

Thank you, Chairman Morris, and Members of the Committee for this opportunity to provide written testimony in support of House Bill 2283.

Long-Range Master Plan

Kansas State Fair

Hutchinson, Kansas



Prepared for: Kansas State Fair Hutchinson, Kansas

Architect On-Call:

Landmark Architects & Engineers

Hutchinson, Kansas

Fairground Consultants: **Bullock, Smith & Partners**Knoxville, Tennessee

September 8, 1999



Kansas State Fair Master Plan Executive Summary 98761 September 7, 1999 Background

The architectural and engineering firm of Landmark (formerly AEC Architects & Engineering Consultants) of Hutchinson and their fairground consultants, Bullock Smith & Partners, Inc. of Knoxville, Tennessee, were selected by the Kansas State Fair Board in November of 1998 to develop a long-range physical master plan for the Kansas State Fair. The major areas of study and issues to be addressed were:

- . Growth in attendance to the Fair and non-fair events
- Visitor services and comfort
- Improvement of grounds and buildings
- Construction of new facilities and additions to existing

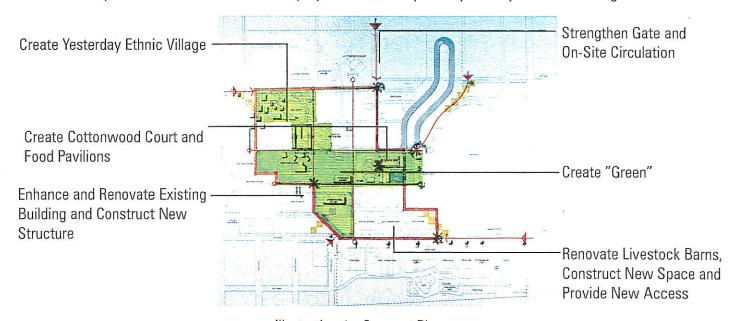
In the past 14 months, the consultants, staff and Fair Board met nine times with the general public, members of state's county fairs, user groups, participants, exhibitors and vendors. In addition to those at the fairgrounds in Hutchinson, meetings were also held in Oakley, Liberal, and Topeka. Over 1,000 individual invitations to the meetings were sent. It is estimated that over 500 people attended the various meetings. Information from studies prepared by the Institute for Public Policy and Business Research of the University of Kansas was used as well.

Major Recommendations

As shown on the plans (Illustrations 1 and 2) and character sketches (Illustrations 3 - 11), the major recommendations of the long-range master plan are as follows:

- Increase the Fair's penetration rate in both its primary and secondary markets and increase attendance to 550,000 - 600,000.
- Continue to develop non-fair uses.
- Create a physical and visual environment which is supportive of and equal to the reputation of the Kansas State Fair.
- Comply with all building and site ADA and code requirements.
- "Theme" visitor gates to Kansas agricultural and industrial products and add towers for visual emphasis; reconstruct Gate 1, and combine Gates 7 and 9. See Illustration 3.
- Strengthen primary visitor circulation through the use of landscape, focal points, graphics and flags and banners.
- Create a "Green" as a major public space. See Illustration 4.

- Remove a number of existing food booths and replace them with permanent food pavilions, convert the Commercial Building into a food arcade called Cottonwood Court, remodel selected original food buildings and provide full hookups for temporary food booths and concessions. This arrangement will ensure an even distribution of food booths and vendors throughout the grounds. See Illustrations 5 and 6.
- Convert the 4-H Livestock Building into a technology center; rename Bison Arena. See Illustration 7.
- Expand the Lake Talbott area into a living history Yesterday Ethnic Village. See Illustration 8.
- Make improvements at the Grandstand with restrooms and concessions on the exterior, add theme tower and rotunda for emphasis and orientation. See Illustration 9.
- Expand the Sunflower Building, remodel all "historic" buildings, and enhance other buildings with improvements to their appearance, utility and function. Add air-conditioning to the selected buildings.
- Create an "icon court" at the Pride of Kansas Building which depicts major agricultural and industrial innovations and interests. See Illustration 10.
- Improve the livestock barns, construct additions to the Horse Barn and Rabbit Barn, cover the
 existing outdoor arena and construct an additional warmup arena, add wash racks, and develop
 service drive and gate to improve circulation and increase visitor safety. See Illustration 11.
- Add administrative space and remodel the maintenance facility to increase efficiency, safety and a better working environment.
- Relocate RVs and construct 300 hookups.
- Repair and expand site infrastructure.
- Explore the construction of a multipurpose arena and privately developed hotel on the grounds.



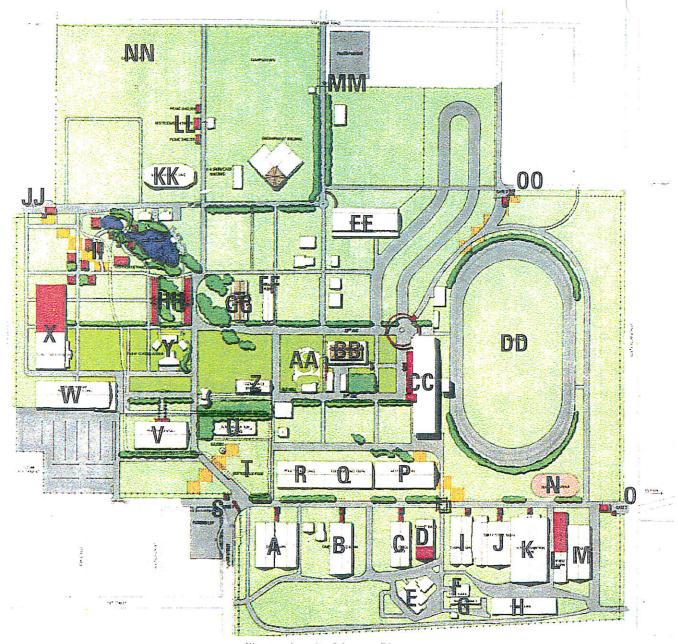


Illustration 2 - Master Plan

Legend:

- A Dairy Barn
- B Dairy Judging Barn
- C Livestock Annex
- D Rabbit Barn
- E Shop
- F Feed Barn
- G Maintenance Shed
- H Horse Barn
- I Swine Barn
- J Sheep/Stall Barn
- K Horse Exhibition Barn
- L Horse Barn
- M Arena

- N Warm-Up Arena
- 0 Gate 2
- P Beef Tie Barn
- Q Beef Judging Barn
- R Oz Poultry Barn
- S Gate 1
- T Gottschalk Park
- U Administration Building
- V Pride of Kansas
- W Meadowlark Industrial Building
- X Sunflower Building
- Y Farm Bureau Arena
- Z Eisenhower Building
- AA Old Mill

- **BB** Cottonwood Court
- CC Grandstand
- DD Racetrack
- EE Bison Arena
- FF Fine Arts Building
- GG Honeybee Domestic Arts
- HH Food Pavilion
- II Yesterday/Ethnic Building
- JJ Gate 5
- KK 4-H Exhibit Building
- LL Picnic Shelters and Restrooms
- MM Gate 4
- NN Camping
- **00** Gate 3

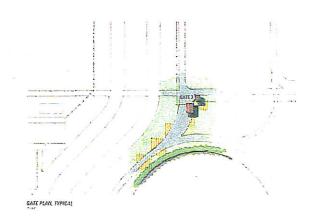
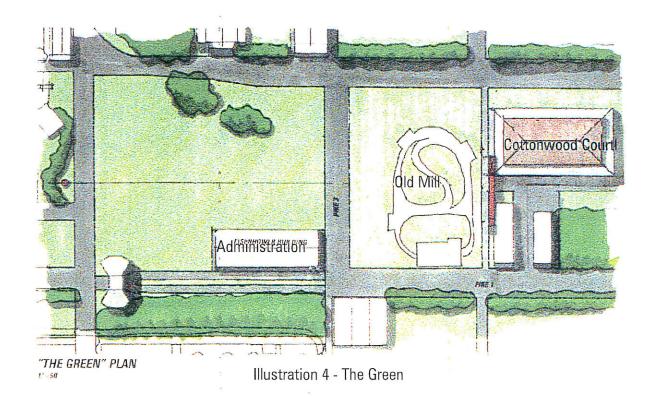
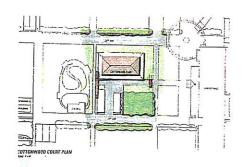
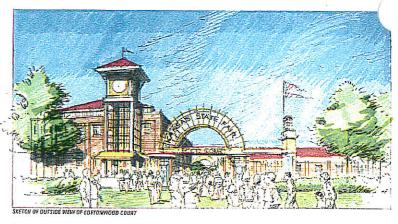




Illustration 3 - Gates Improvements







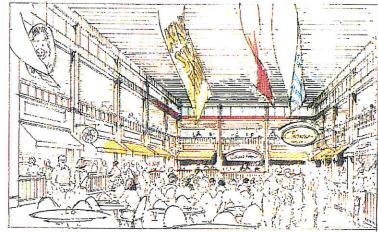
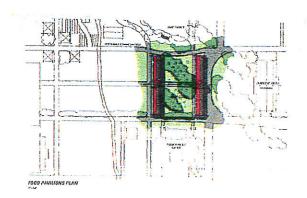


Illustration 5 - Cottonwood Court



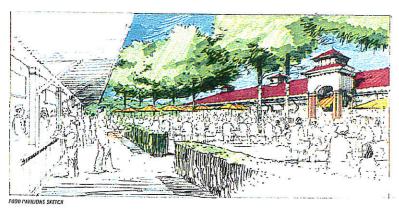
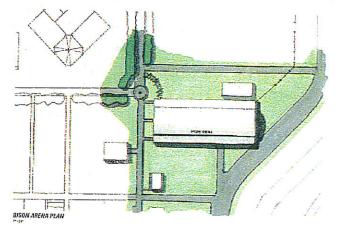


Illustration 6 - Food Pavilions



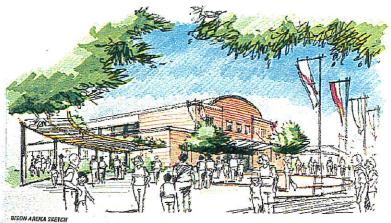
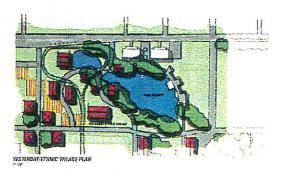


Illustration 7 - Bison Arena



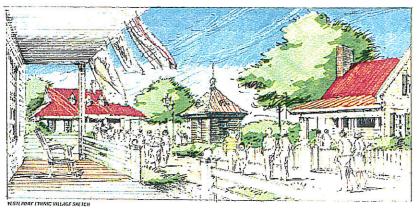


Illustration 8 - Yesterday/Ethnic Village

Building Construction, Expansions and Renovations

 Renovation of Commercial Building to Cottonwood Court (a food arcade General renovation Door and window replacement Replacement of electrical and plumbing systems Add heating and power ventilation systems Improvements and additions to restrooms Repairs to floors and resurfacing Addition of balcony Vendor equipment "rough ins" only; fixtures, equipment and finish 	by vendor
Select interior architectural enhancements 21,600 s.f @ \$75/s.f. =	\$ 1,620,000
 Renovation of the 4H Livestock (Bison) Arena to technology building General renovation Add concrete floor Door and window replacement Replace electrical and plumbing systems Add heating and air conditioning Improvements and additions to restrooms Select interior architectural enhancements 64,800 s.f. @ \$65/s.f. = 	\$ 4,212,000
• Expansion and renovation of the Administration Building General renovation Add general office space of existing quality level 5,000 s.f. @ \$90/s.f. and 6,400 s.f. @ \$30/s.f. =	\$ 642,000
 Expansion of the Sunflower Building Add exhibition and support space of existing quality level 18,000 s.f. @ \$65/s.f. = 	\$ 1,170,000
 Renovation of the Gates/Ticket Booths (4) General renovation Add tower structure \$75,000 allowance each = 	\$ 300,000
 Construction of the Food Pavilions (2) Standard masonry construction Fixtures, equipment and finish out by vendors 11,400 s.f. @ \$80/s.f. = 	\$ 912,000
 Construction of the Corporate Pavilions (4) Standard open-sided wood frame construction 3,600 s.f. @\$25/s.f. = 	\$ 90,000
 Renovations of animal buildings General renovation Select reroofing Enhanced electrical, lighting and ventilation Add washracks and fit out areas 255,000 s.f. @ \$15/s.f. = 	\$ 3,825,000

 Addition to Horse Stall Barn Pre-engineered metal building system w/ appropriate utilities Earth flooring Stalls 		
6,600 s.f. @ \$30 s.f. =	\$ 198,000	
 Addition to Rabbit Barn Pre-engineered metal building system w/ appropriate utilities Concrete Flooring 4,200 s.f. @ \$40 s.f. = 	\$ 168,000	
 Construction of Roof Over Warm-Up Arena Pre-engineered metal building system Electrical and lighting 19,800 s.f. @ \$23/sf= 	\$ 455,400	
 Yesterday Day Ethnic Village Walkways, fencing, landscape and lighting Structures by others Allowance = 	\$ 200,000	
 Renovation of the Domestic Arts Per previous study = 	\$ 1,100,000	
 Renovation of the Fine Arts Building General renovation Enhancements to electrical, lighting, plumbing & ventilation Improvements to restrooms 12,000 s.f. @ \$50/s.f. = 	\$ 600,000	·
 Renovation of the Pride of Kansas and Industrial Building Add masonry base Add air-conditioning and heating systems Architectural enhancements to entrances 57,000 s.f. @ \$35/s.f. = 	\$ 1,995,000	
 Renovation of Maintenance Complex Complete renovation including demolition and reconstruction 22,000 s.f. @ \$60/s.f. = 	\$ 1,320,000	
 General renovation of Eisenhower, 4H Exhibition, 4H Showcase, 4H Plant Science and other miscellaneous buildings General renovation Enhanced power ventilation Add masonry base 46,000 s.f. @ \$25/s.f.= 	\$ 1,150,000	
 Renovation of the Old Mill= General renovation Life Safety compliance Allowance = 	\$ 604,000	
Subtotal	20,561,400	

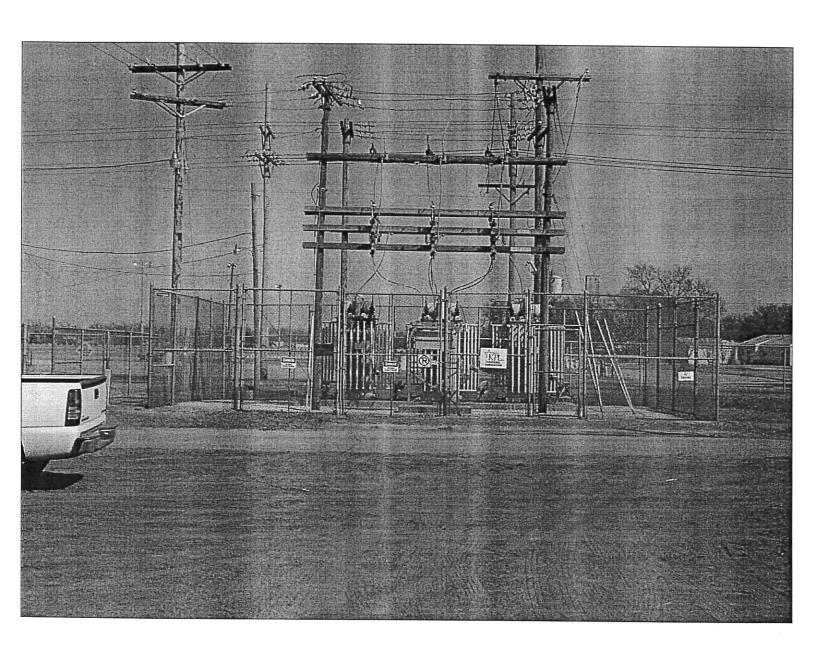
Building Enhancements

 Theme tower and gateway at the Cottonwood Court (Allowance) = \$ Rotunda, Tower, Restrooms and Concessions at the Grandstand (Allowance) = \$ Icons and facade for the Pride of Kansas Building (Allowance) = \$ Graphic towers in the livestock area (6) - \$25,000 allowance each = \$ Entry structures at Farm Bureau Arena (2) - \$15,000 allowance each = \$ Pergola and entry court at Bison Arena (Allowance) = \$ 		300,000 500,000 400,000 150,000 30,000 75,000	
Subtotal \$	•	1,455,000	
Infrastructure Renovations			
 Renovation and additions to site infrastructure Replacement of selected infrastructure including water, sanitary sewer, drainage, site electrical and site lighting 110 acres @ \$30,000 ac (Allowance) = \$ \$ Subtotal \$ 		3,300,000 3,300,000	
Site Enhancements		0,000,000	
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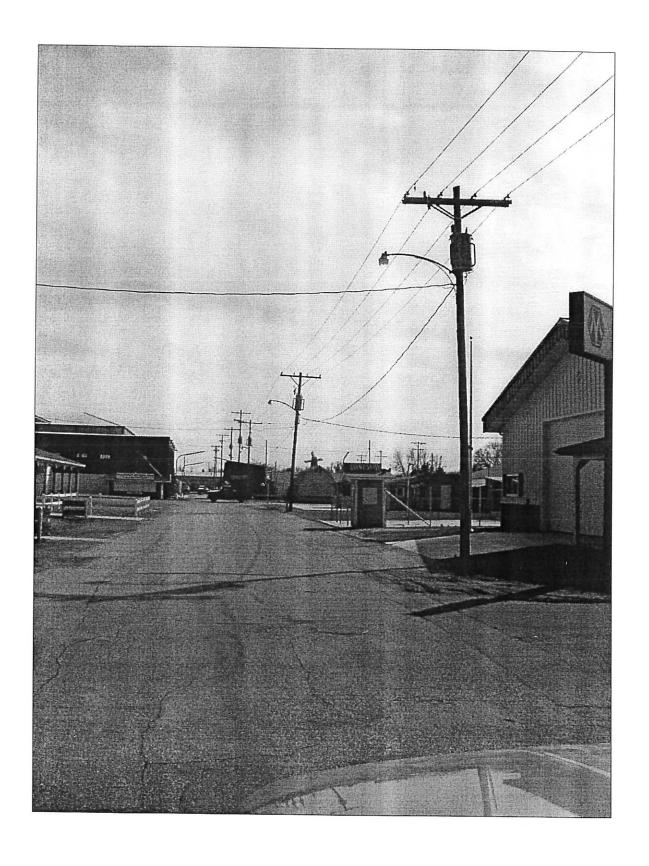
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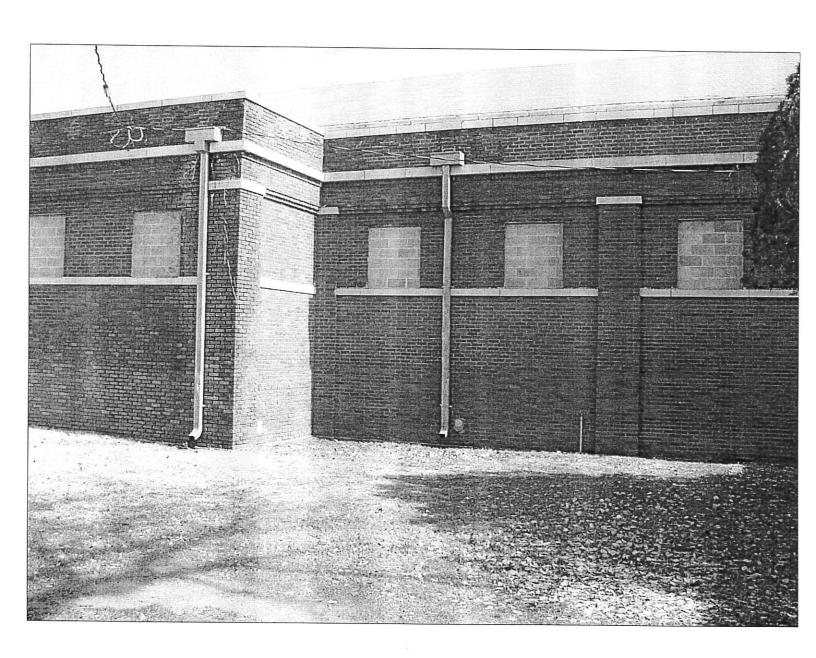
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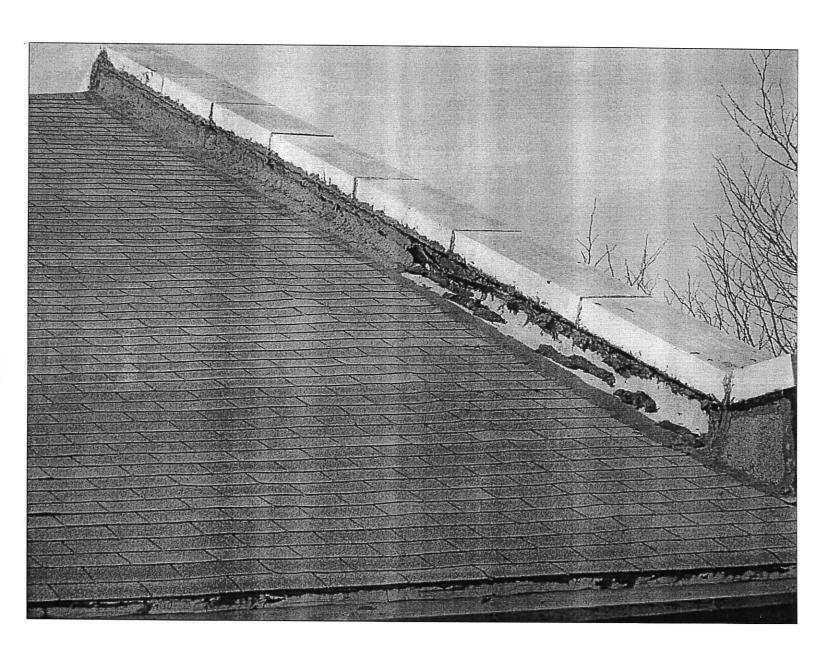
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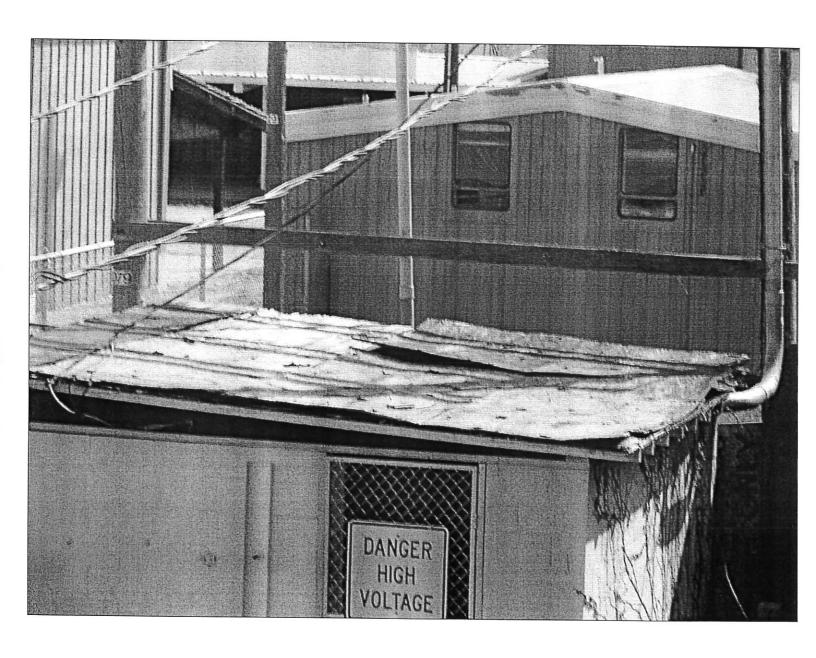
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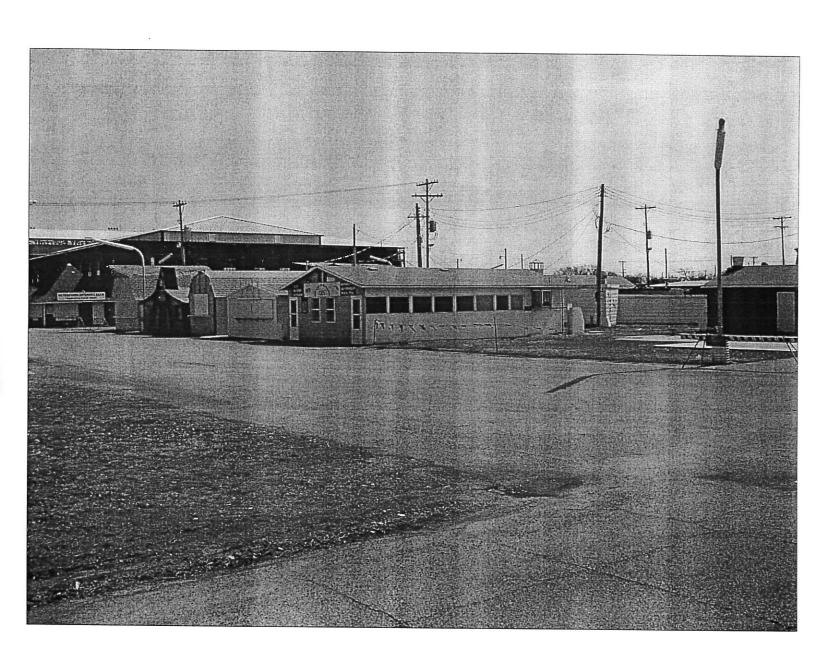
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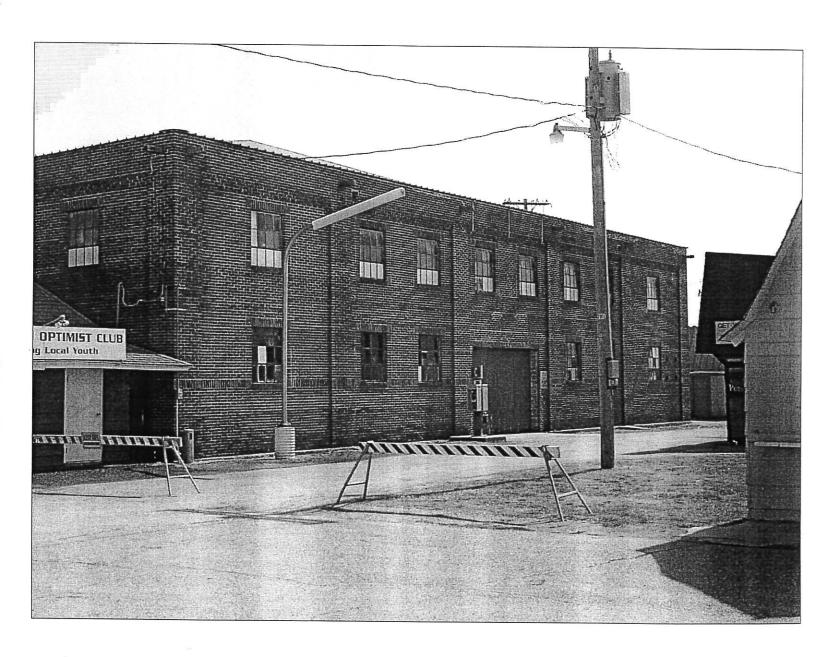
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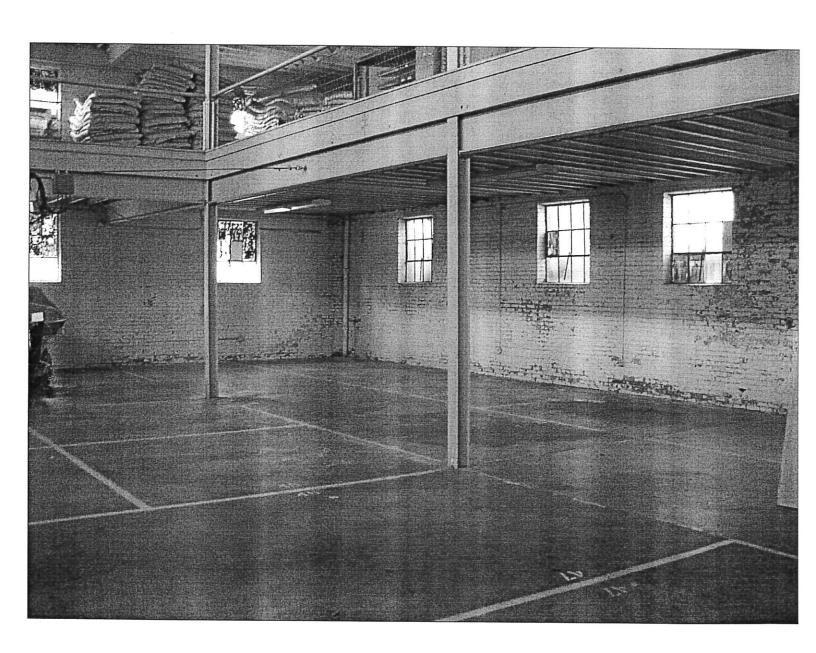
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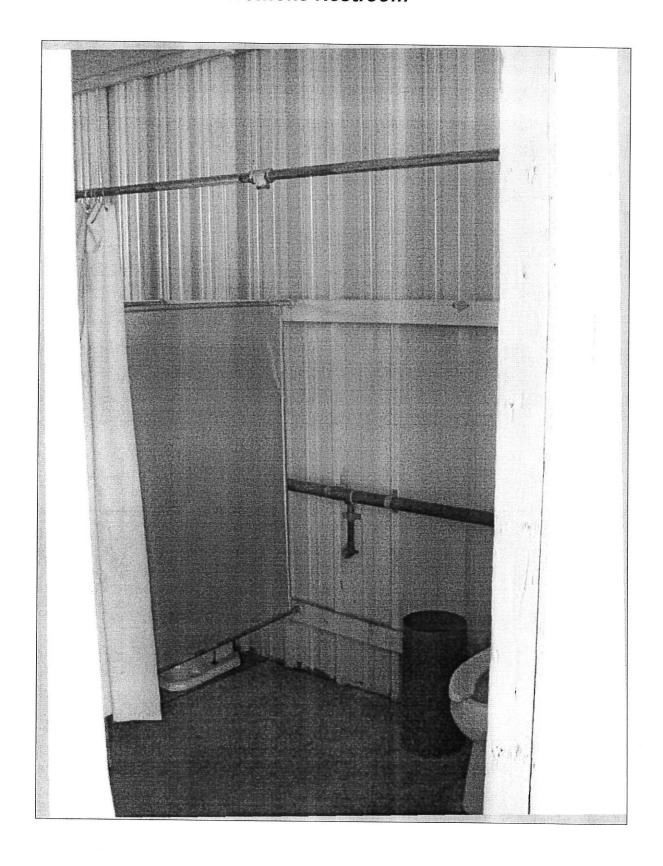
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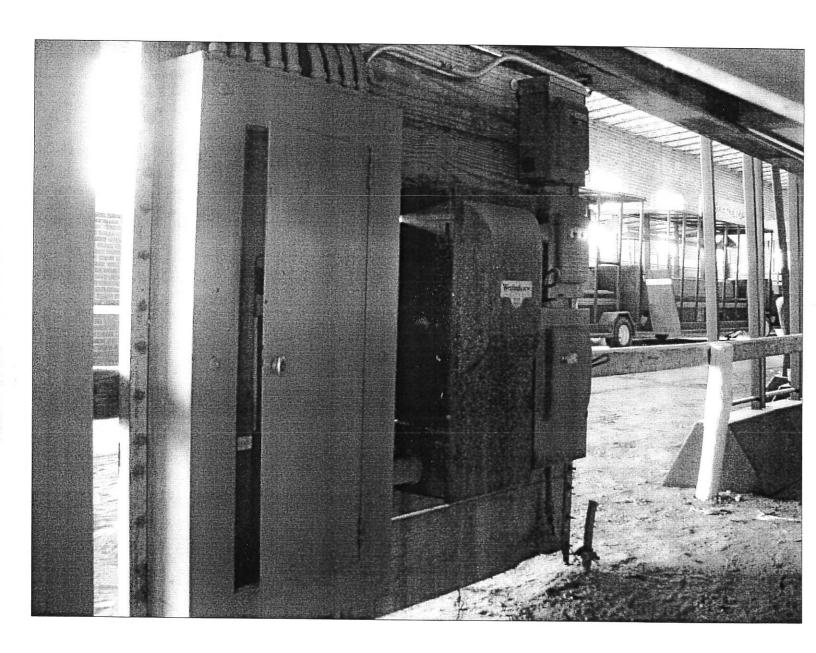
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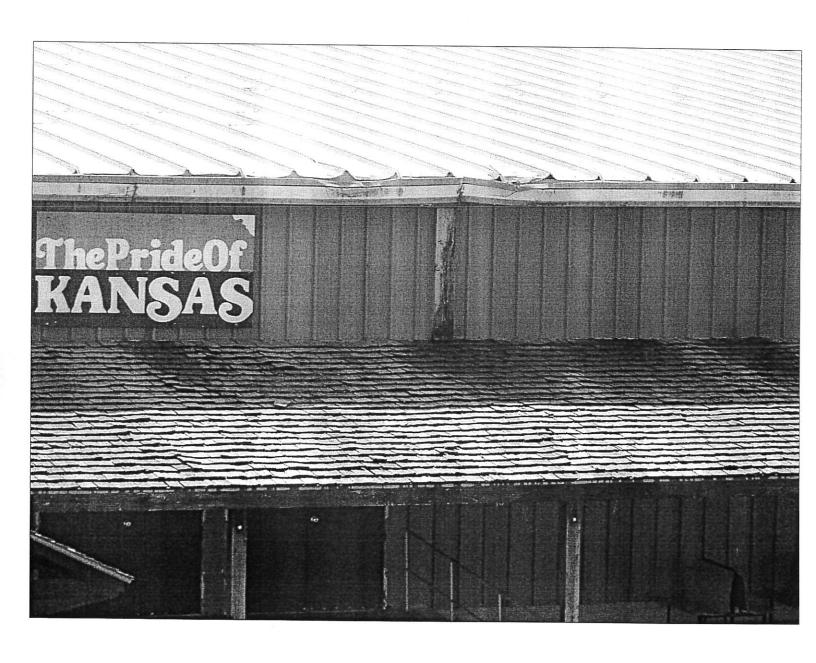
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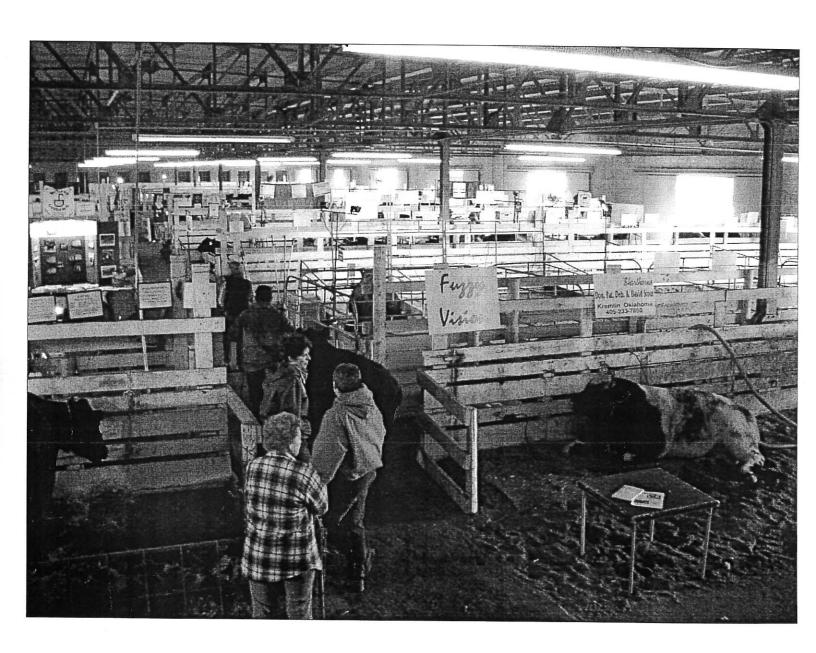
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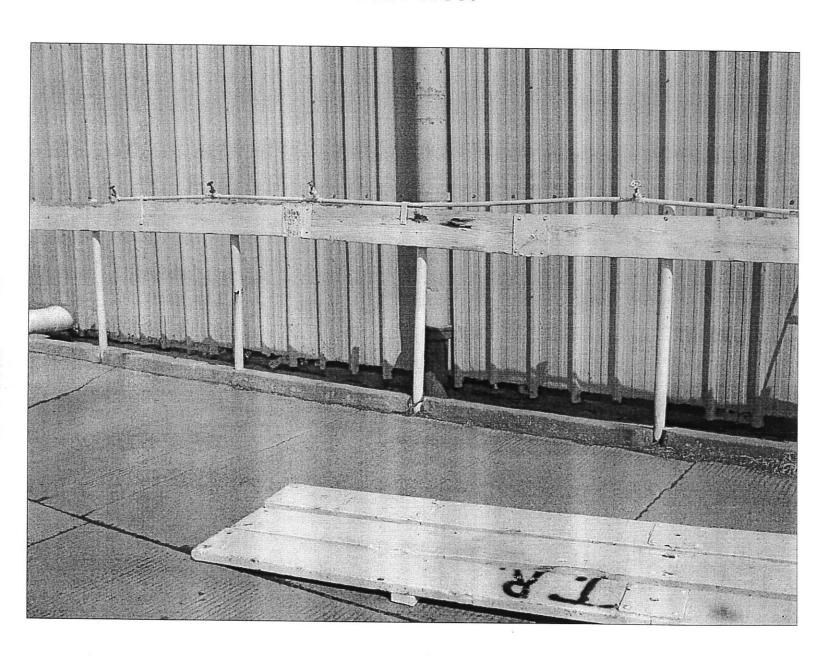
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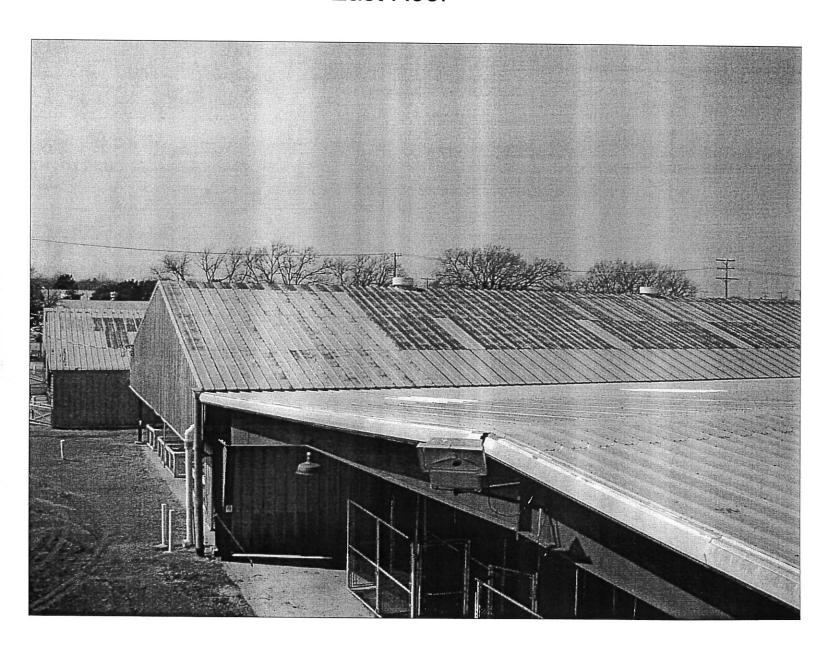
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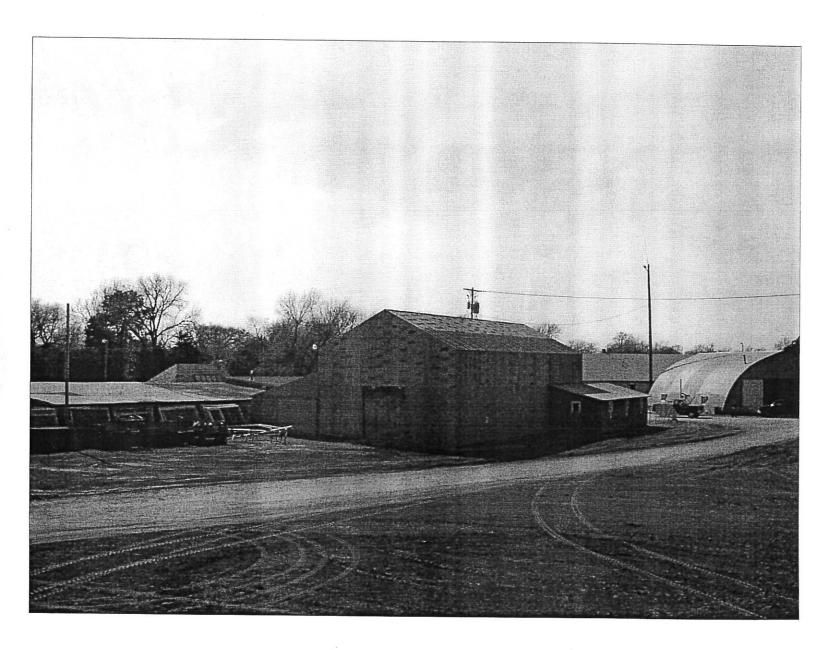
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OFFICE OF THE KANSAS STATE FIRE MARSHAL

Gale Haag Fire Marshal

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Testimony for State Fire Marshal Gale Haag
by Elena Nuss
before the Senate Ways and Means Committee on
House Bill 2493
Thursday, March 29, 2001

I would like to thank the Committee for allowing the State Fire Marshal's Office the opportunity to provide testimony on the matter of funding for the Kansas State Fair.

First, on behalf of the State Fire Marshal's Office we want to commend the hard work of the State Fair staff for the many fire and life safety improvements they have already made. We've seen steady progress in a number of buildings like the Encampment Building and the Grandstands but there is still a great deal of work that needs to be done.

We support adequate funding provided to the State Fair, but we would prefer a line item that addresses the immediate fire and life safety issues and insures they are dealt with in a timely fashion. We will continue to work with the staff of the State Fair to insure the safest possible environment for Kansans.

I will stand for questions.

"Where fire safety is a way of life." 3-29-01 Attachment 8 Fiscal Year 1999
Kansas Department of Corrections
Special Enforcement Unit Achievements

Senate Ways and Means 3-29-01 Attachment 9

Fiscal Year 1999 Special Enforcement Unit Members

Special Enforcement Unit Director	John Lamb
Special Enforcement Officer Supervisor	Mike Custenborder
Topeka Special Enforcement Officer	Jim Galbraith
Topeka Special Enforcement Officer	Beth Mechler
Kansas City Special Enforcement Officer	John Sledd
Kansas City Special Enforcement Officer	Chris Langton
Wichita Special Enforcement Officer	Rick Husselman
Wichita Special Enforcement Officer	Brad Jones
Wichita Special Enforcement Officer	Richard Sackhoff
Wichita Special Enforcement Officer	Warren Evans
Olathe Special Enforcement Officer	R.J. Cook
Salina Special Enforcement Officer	Lance Whittaker
* Kansas City Special Enforcement Officer	Otis Laskey
** Hutchinson Special Enforcement Officer	Rick Fischli
***Topeka Special Enforcement Officer	Dennis Bachman

^{*}Resigned commission May 1999.

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***Resigned commission January 1999.

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DIVISION OF COMMUNITY & FIELD SERVICES

Regional Parole Office 3400 Van Buren, Lower Level Topeka, Kansas 66611-2228 (913) 296-3195 John A. Lamb, Regional Director

To:

John Lamb, NPR Director

From:

Mike Custenborder

Subject:

FY 1999 SEO accomplishments

Date:

June 25, 1999

John, below listed is the individual, regional, and total SEO unit achievements for Fiscal Year 1999.

From a historical perspective the SEO Unit surpassed seven thousand total arrests in FY 99. Three thousand arrests were parole absconders and approximately three thousand were parole violators. These numbers were achieved in a 6-year period.

This figure by itself is impressive; what enhances the value of this total? No citizen, offender, or SEO was fatally injured during these arrest activities.

Fiscal year 1999

SEO Unit Arrest statistics

600	Parole Absconders
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760 Parole Violators

Other arrests (including new felony charges, warrants from other states and Kansas probation violator warrants)

1511 Total Arrests

Special Enforcement Officers in Kansas City, Topeka and Rural Byrne Grant officers conducted surveillance on paroled sex offenders. This activity provides a proactive approach to supervision of sex offenders. In addition, officers provided surveillance on high-risk offenders, absconders, parole violators.

Special Enforcement Officers surveillance activities

Kansas City Surveillance SEO

Surveillance Hours 626 hours Offenders observed 125 parolees

Topeka Surveillance SEO

Surveillance Hours 900 hours
Offenders observed 175 parolees

Byrne Grant Officers

Surveillance Hours 1230 hours Offenders observed 190 parolees

Salina SEO

July 1999: SEO Whittaker assisted the Ellsworth Correctional Facility staff with an escape investigation. He provided support in Salina and investigated leads for the facility. Ellsworth Deputy Warden Ray Roberts expressed the institution's thanks in a note received by SEOS Custenborder.

May 1999: SEOS Custenborder, SEO Whittaker, KDOC investigators Hammer, and Rauls provided assistance to the Junction City Police Department. Officers participated in a joint operation to conduct warrant sweeps and bar checks in Junction City. The police had indicated that parolees were becoming a problem at local bars. Officers participated in the arrest of an offender for possession of narcotics and checked 8 bars in the city. This operation began at 10 PM and concluded at 3 AM.

Officer Whittaker provided assistance with the Junction City parole office after P.O. Lawless died. He assisted with home visits, surveillance, and supervision contacts with parolees in Junction City.

Topeka SEO

June 13, 1999 SEOS Custenborder and SEO Galbraith assist Jefferson County Law Enforcement with an investigation of a physically violent parolee. SEOs respond at 11 PM and subsequently located the offender in Oskaloosa, Kansas. The parolee fled on foot and escaped a law enforcement search. The operation culminated at 3 A.M. SEO Galbraith is currently investigating the offender as a parole absconder.

Topeka SEOs assisted the Federal Housing and Urban Development Dept. with the service of warrants for narcotics sale and possession in Federal Housing complexes. The Kansas Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Marshals service, and Topeka Police Dept. participated in two warrant operations during the fiscal year.

On four occasions, Topeka SEO Mechler participated in federal warrant sweeps in Junction City, Kansas. These operations were conducted by the United State Marshals Service and focused on fugitives on warrant for federal crimes.

During the course of an absconder investigation SEO Mechler and the Violent Offender Task Force developed leads culminating in the arrest of Mississippi fugitive that was wanted for Aggravated Assault and Robbery. The offender had moved to Topeka to avoid detection.

Topeka SEO Beth Mechler and the Violent Offender Task Force arrested four individuals that were listed on the Kansas Most Wanted list. Several newspaper articles are attached for reference.

SEO Mechler provided Critical Incident Assistance to the Junction City Parole office. She went above and beyond the call of duty to work with the family of deceased parole officer: Brent Lawless. Officer Mechler received a Director's commendation on June 24, 1999, for her time and dedication in this situation.

Olathe SEO

During the fiscal year, SEO Cook arrested two offenders who were parole absconders. Their warrants dated back to 1994 and 1996.

At the request of rural law enforcement SEO Cook assisted local authorities with narcotics raids. The majority of these raids were conducted in the Osawatomie, Kansas area. These activities resulted in the arrest of two parolees for violation of parole (drug possession, sale and possession of firearms).

Hutchinson SEO

SEO Rick Fischli transferred from the unit in May of 1999. He worked the area of southwestern Kansas for approximately 2 years before his transfer to parole in Wichita. The highlight of his time in FY 99 was the foot chase and arrest of a parolee in Dodge City, Kansas. Rick was a true example of the physical fitness level that officers in the unit are working to achieve. The chase went well over 10 city blocks on foot. Rick literally, pursued the parolee where he could no longer run. He eventually leaned up against a fence and was arrested with assistance from the Dodge City P.D., and Kansas Highway Patrol

Rick, established a network an effective network contacts with LEO agencies in Southwestern Kansas. These contacts provided him with valuable resources that are essential to a rural SEO's success in the field. These resources are in place and will be available to the next officer hired in Hutchinson.

Training

The SEO Unit completed their annual In-Service training in September of 1998 in Topeka. This is an annual training activity that assists the unit with mandatory standards and bring the officers together to share and exchange ideas. In Fiscal Year 1999 the SEOs met and surpassed mandatory training requirements for the Department.

Many of the officers requested and were assigned to training activities that increased the unit's effectiveness. Below listed, are some of the individual officer training certificates and special training that were achieved.

SEOs R.J. Cook, Lance Whittaker, Rick Fischli, Jim Galbraith, and Langton attended Calibre Press Street Survival training. Held in Kansas City, Missouri in 1999.

SEOs Warren Evans, and Brad Jones attended and successfully completed the United States Marshals Fugitive Training course. The training was conducted at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glynco, Georgia. The course took two weeks to complete.

SEOs Cook, Langton, Laskey, and Sledd attended tactical training conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the fall of 1998. This is the second year they have been invited to train at no cost to the Department.

SEOS Custenborder began Certified Public Managers courses in January of 1999. He is due to complete the project in December of 1999. In April of 1999 he attended A.P.C.O. training in El Dorado.

SEO Richard Sackhoff attended Multi-jurisdictional Narcotics Task Force Management and Operation Training held in Wichita over a three-day period. In January of 1999 he attended Controlled Force Defense Tactics Instructor Courses in Hutchinson Kansas. He was certified as a self-defense instructor. In April of 1999 Richard attended two days of A.P.C.O. training in El Dorado, Kansas. In May of 1999 he attended Forensic computer investigation courses conducted by the Wichita Police Department.

SEO Warren Evans attended EVOC training in June of 1999. He is presently working on his trainer's certification as an EVOC trainer with the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center and the Hutchinson Correctional Facility.

SEO Rick Husselman completed the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center Firearms Instructor's Course from July 6-July 17, 1998. He passed the written and firearm qualification tests. He is the only SEO certified to teach and instruct firearm courses in the SEO Unit. From May 26-May 28, 1999 he attended the Wichita Crime Commission Gang conference in Wichita, Kansas. Rick is presently the leader of a Kansas Department of Corrections K.Q.M. committee that is working on gang activity. This KQM project has been existence for the last 18 months.

SEO John Sledd completed EEO and Sexual Harassment training for trainers in May of 1999. He is one of two representatives for the Northern Parole Region.

SEO Chris Langton completed Hostage Negotiation training in Salina in the spring of 1999. Officer Langton has been a direct supporter of the Staff Safety Training for the Department. He has helped implement the training as outlined in the FY 1999 Strategic Action Plan.

SEO Beth Mechler completed National Drug Enforcement Officers training in July of 1998, and the Kansas Narcotics Officer training in the spring of 1999. Officer Mechler served as a training coordinator for the K.N.O.A. training. Officer Mechler participated in the planning committee that implemented the 1998 In-Service training for SEO officers.

SEO Jim Galbraith has provided training for O.C. gas to SEOs for In-Service recertification, and parole officers in SST training. During In-Service training, he conducted training for handcuffs, restraints, and transportation procedures.

Weapons and Narcotics Seized

In Fiscal year 1999 SEO officers seized a total of 16 weapons from parole absconders and violators. Among the items seized were knives, machetes, handguns, shotguns, and automatic rifles.

The highlight of the year was the seizure of ½ Kilo of powder cocaine by the K.C. SEOs. This is the largest seizure of narcotics in the history of the SEO Unit. The street value of this seizure is approximately 14 thousand dollars.

Photographs of seized items are attached to this report for reference.

Physical Fitness

In 1997 a KQM team of SEOs developed a fitness-testing program to encourage health and motivate officers to stay fit. In September of 1999 the unit will complete its second year of testing.

KQM

Beside the fitness testing KQM, the SEO officers in Olathe, and Wichita continue to work on a data base program for the SEO Unit. The goal of this project is to develop a uniform statistical and investigative database for the SEOs in the state. This is an ongoing project involving SEO R.J. Cook and SEO Richard Sackhoff as the team leaders. Pilot programs are being developed in Wichita and Olathe. Prior to his departure, SEO Bachman was developing a prototype as well.

Task Force

Kansas City SEOs culminated an agreement to work with the United States Marshals on a fugitive task force. Marshals work on a daily basis with the SEOs. This is the second task force that the officers are members of. The second task force is comprised of the Kansas City P.D. and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Wichita SEOs continue to build a strong working relationship with the United States Marshals Service. They interact on a daily basis to investigate and arrest fugitives. The Marshals Service has allowed the officers' access to informational systems and investigative databases.

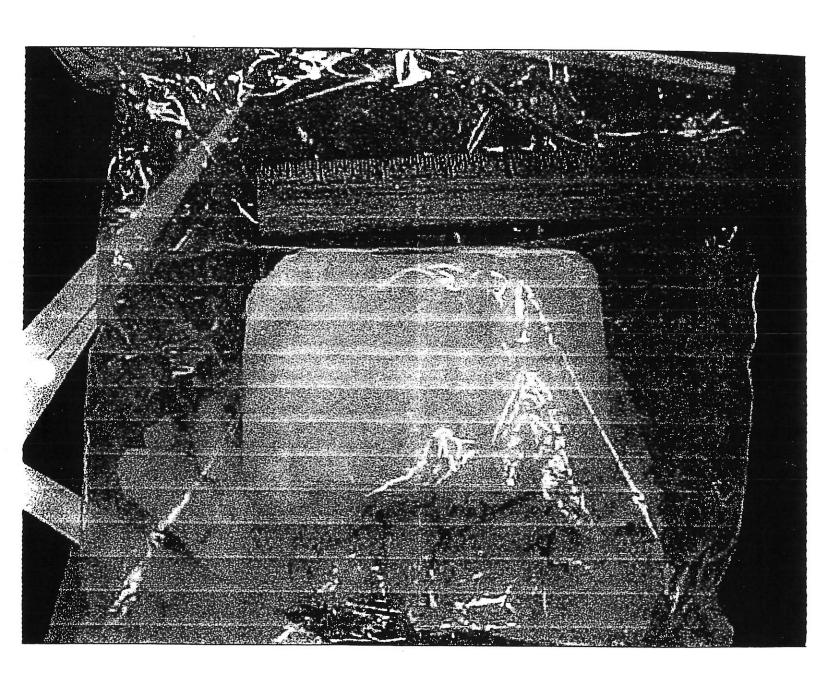
The Topeka SEOs culminated their third year of activity with the Violent Offenders Task Force in Shawnee County. The unit has arrested over 3,000 offenders over a three-year period.

I am proud of the Special Enforcement Unit's activity in the last fiscal year. The officers continue to perform at high levels in the field. Their professionalism, dedication and ability to adjust to a variance of situations are exemplary.

Mike Custenborder

Special Enforcement Officer Supervisor

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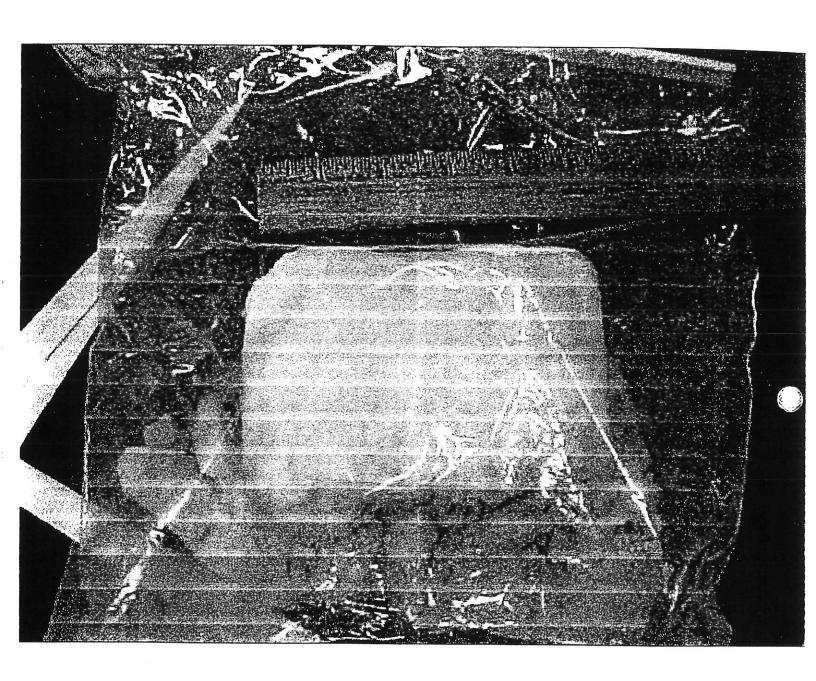


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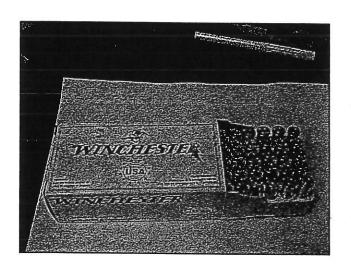
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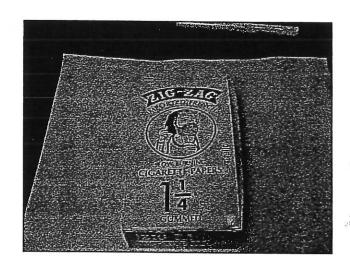


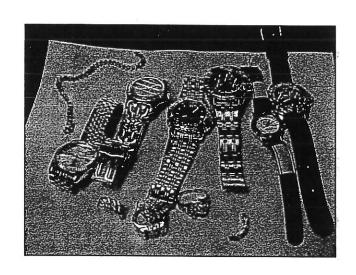
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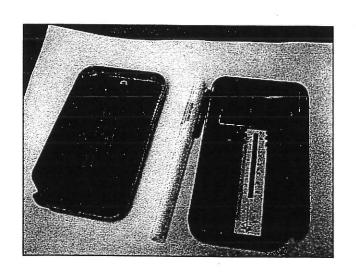
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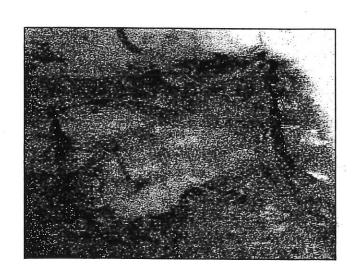




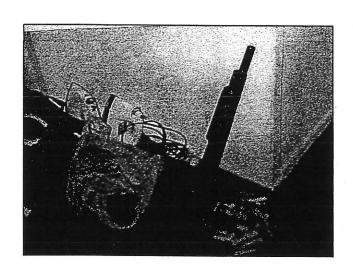


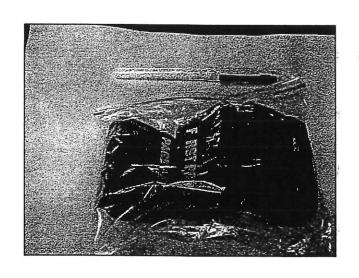


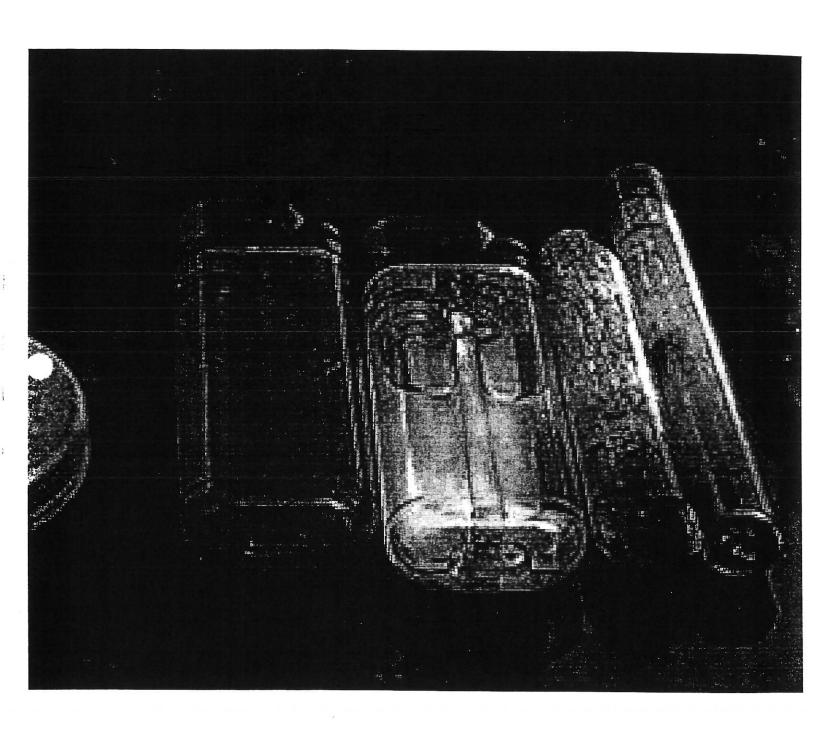
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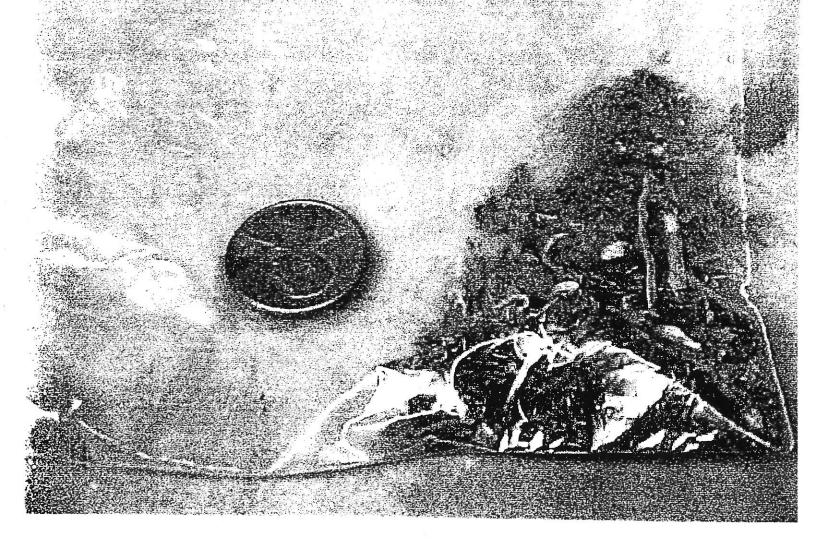


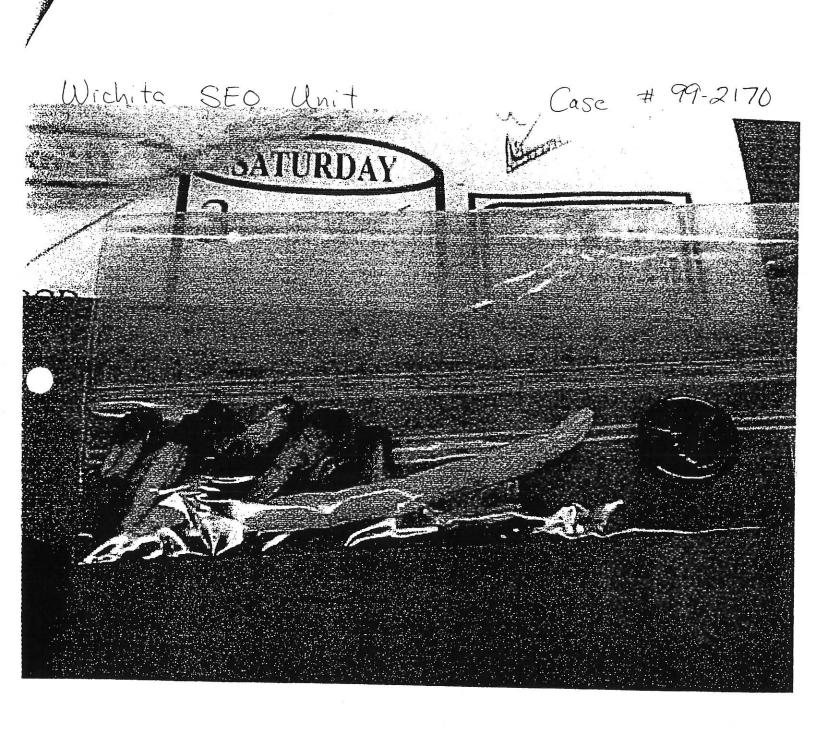
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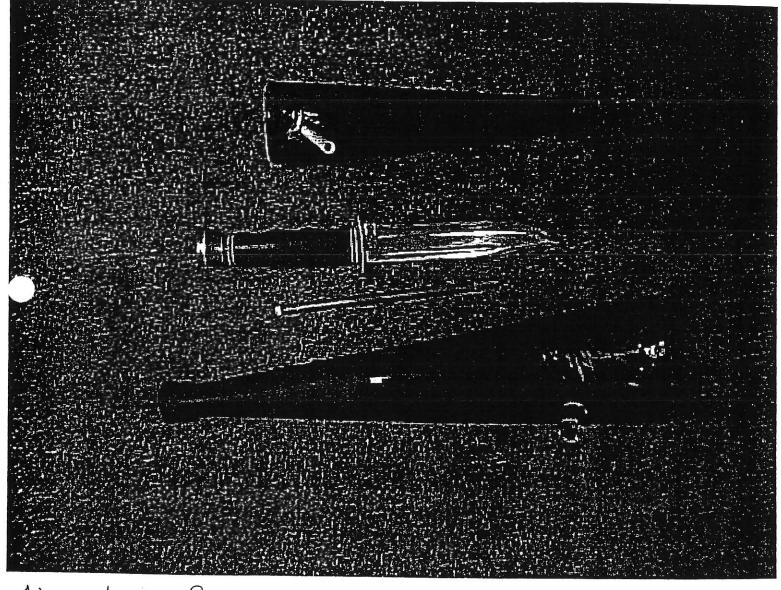
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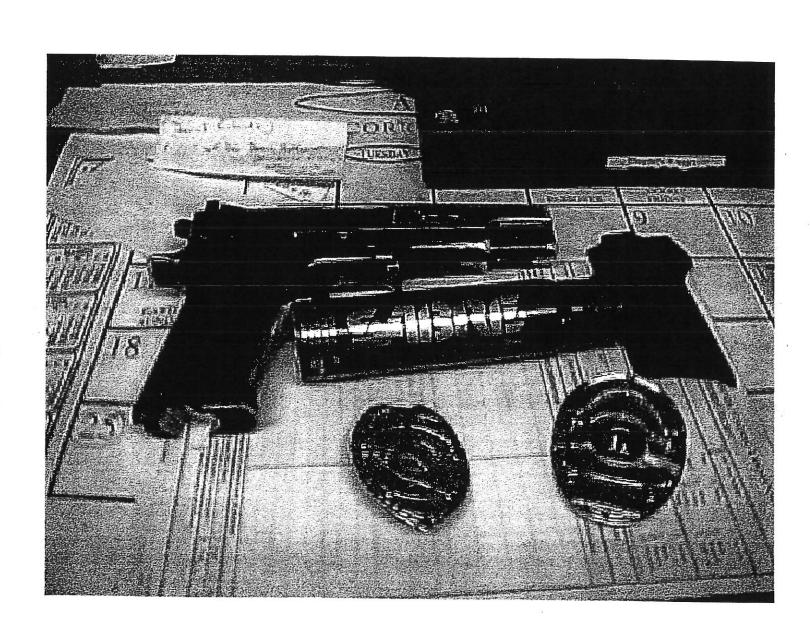


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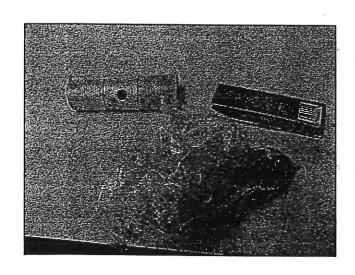
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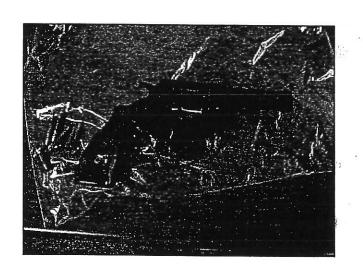
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WOOD .22 CAL. HANDGUN AND AMMO



Tips help find local fugitive

By KEVIN BATES The Capital-Journal

Topeka man wanted since October was arrested hidling in a house in East Topeka following a foot chase.

Maynard T. Yates, 40, was arrested in a house at 222 S.E. Lake after authorities chased him from 218 S.E. Lake. CrimeStoppers tips led police to the 218 S.E. Lake address, and members of the Federal Fugitive Task Force arrived at the house at about 6:20 p.m. Monday, Topeka police Lt. Patti Kaeberle said.

As the task force, comprised of members of the Topeka Police Department, the Shawnee County Sheriff's Department, the Kansas Department of Corrections and the U.S. Marshal's Service, approached the house where Yates was living, Yates ran out the back door, Kaeberle said.

Officers pursued Yates, who ran to an nearby house and entered in an attempt to elude officers. He soon was found hiding inside the house and was arrested without incident, Kaeberle said.

Yates was booked into the Shawnee County Jail in connection with one count each of house burglary and felony obstruction for running away and illegally entering the house at 222 S.E. Lake, Kaeberle said.

Authorities also arrested Yates for the parole warrant, which stemmed from a prison stint he began serving

14 years ago.

Yates had been on parole since April 21, 1997, after serving part of a 10 to 35 year sentence for aggravated robbery, attempted theft and two drug charges, said Bill Miskell, Kansas Department of Corrections spokesman.

Yates had entered prison in June 1985 and was released on parole in January 1990, Miskell said. Yates' parole was revoked in June 1995, and he returned to prison once again before he was released in April 1997. The latest warrant for his arrest was issued Oct. 6, 1998.

Tugitive sought in shooting added to most wanted

By TIM HRENCHIR The Capital-Journal

ugitive Wilson A. Noriega, who is being sought in connection with last week's shooting of a woman near Mayetta, was placed on the Kansas' Most Wanted list Thursday.

"We feel very strongly that he's either in Jackson County or Topeka," said Special Agent Scott Teeselink of the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, which maintains the most wanted list.

Teeselink said Noriega, a 33-year-old former prison inmate, was being sought in connection with a parole violation, attempted second-degree murder, aggravated battery, possession of a controlled substance, possession of a firearm and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Authorities allege
Noriega on Feb. 26
fired a gunshot that
wounded a woman in
an eye, then struck a
man with a chair. The
woman was released
after treatment at a
Topeka hospital.
Teeselink said
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Wilson A. Noriega

ues to receive medical attention for the wound.

Teeselink said it wasn't clear Thursday whether the gunshot that injured the woman may have struck someone else first.

Authorities last week gave this account of the incident: Noriega and his common-law wife were at home with their two children on the Potawatomi Reservation near Mayetta the morning of Feb. 26 when Noriega noticed an old friend from high school was next door.

Noriega invited the friend and the friend's girlfriend to Noriega's home, where some of them, including Noriega, began drinking alcohol. Noriega's wife became uncomfortable with the gathering's boisterous and potentially hostile atmosphere, and left with their children.

The gunshot victim, who lived nearby, came to the house later. At 11:50 a.m., someone made a 911 call reporting she had been shot. Authorities say they think that after the shot or shots were fired, Noriega struck his high school friend with a chair and fled.

Noriega is an American Indian man who is 6 feet 2 inches tall and weighs about 230 pounds. He has black hair and brown eyes, and a large ornamental tattoo on his back

Authorities are asking anyone with information about his whereabouts to call the Jackson County Sheriff's Department at (785) 364-2251 or the KBI at (800) KS-CRIME (572-7463).

Officers arrest fugitive sought in shooting

By TIM HRENCHIR The Capital-Journal

fugitive wanted in connection with last week's shooting of a woman near Mayetta was captured without incident at about 7:11 a.m. Friday at a relative's home in central Topeka, authorities said.

Wilson Ray Noriega, 33, was being

held without bond late Friday in the Shawnee County Jail, a jail official said.

Topeka police said members of the Federal Fugitive Task Force arrested Noriega. Jail records indicated the arrest took place at 1935 S.W. Lincoln.



Wilson Ray Norie

The task force includes officers from the Topeka Police Department, Shawnee County Sheriff's Department, United States Marshal's Service and Kansas Department of Corrections.

Noriega's arrest came one day after he was placed on the Kansas' Most Wanted list maintained by the Kansas Bureau of Investigation.

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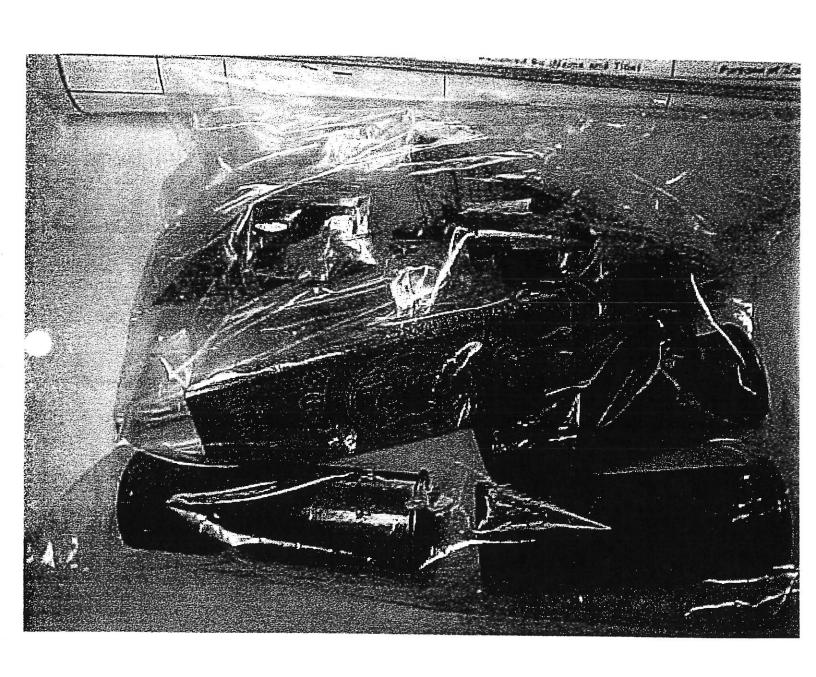
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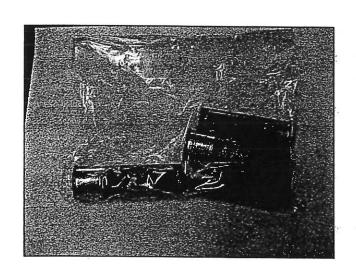
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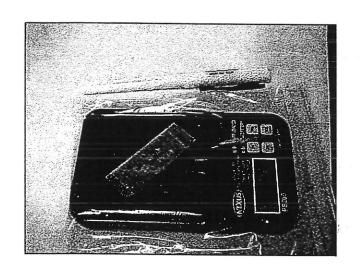
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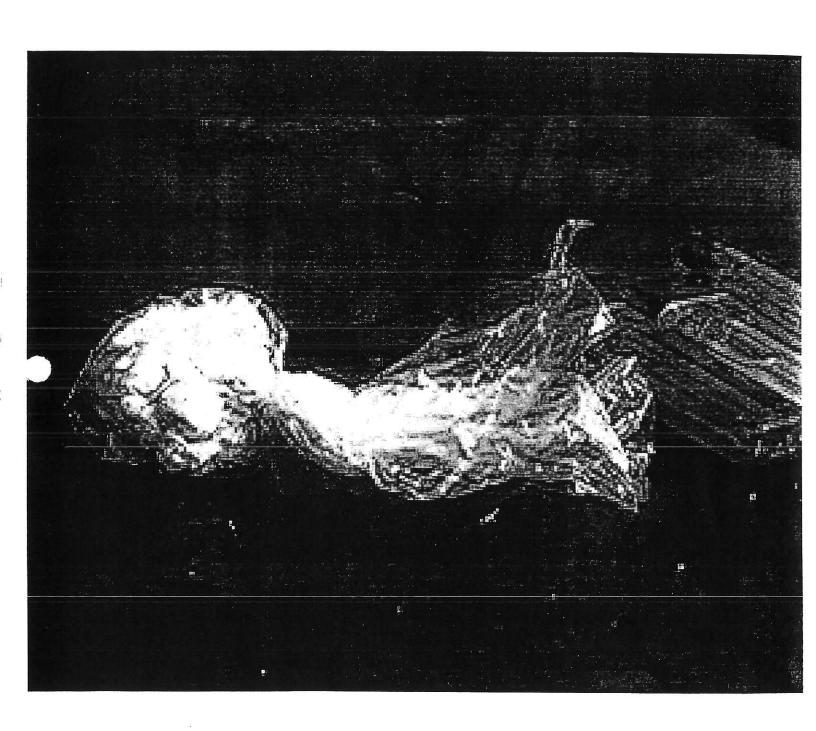


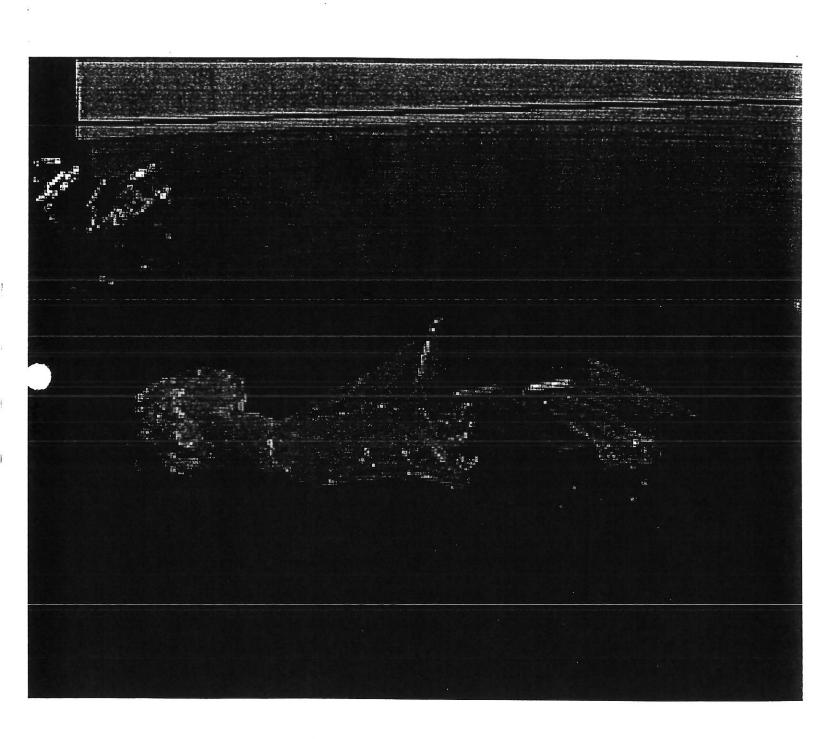


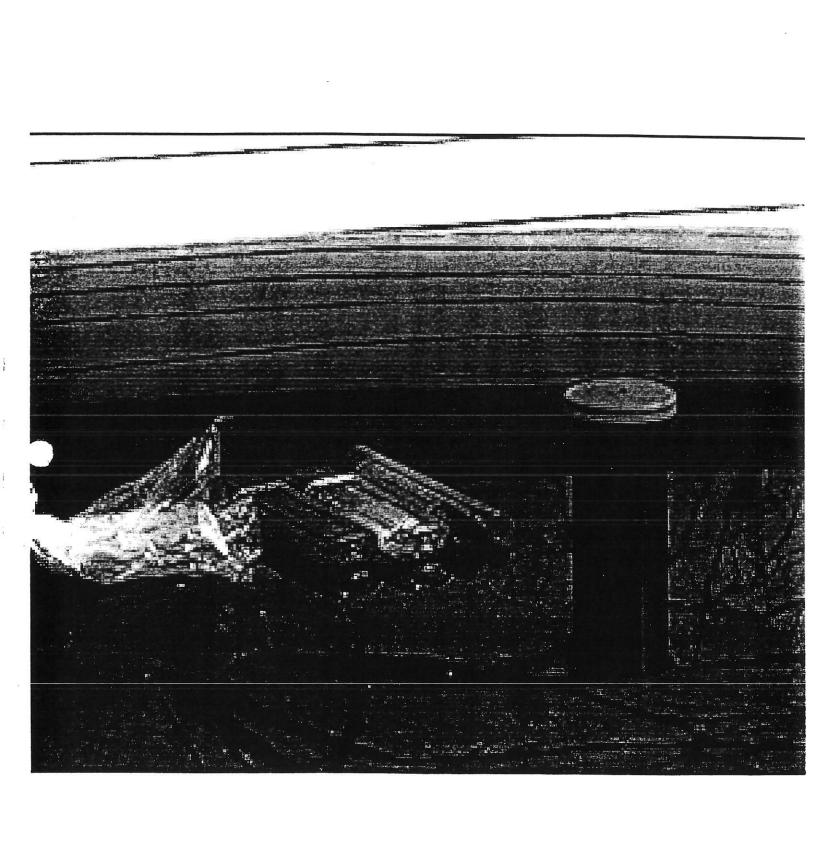




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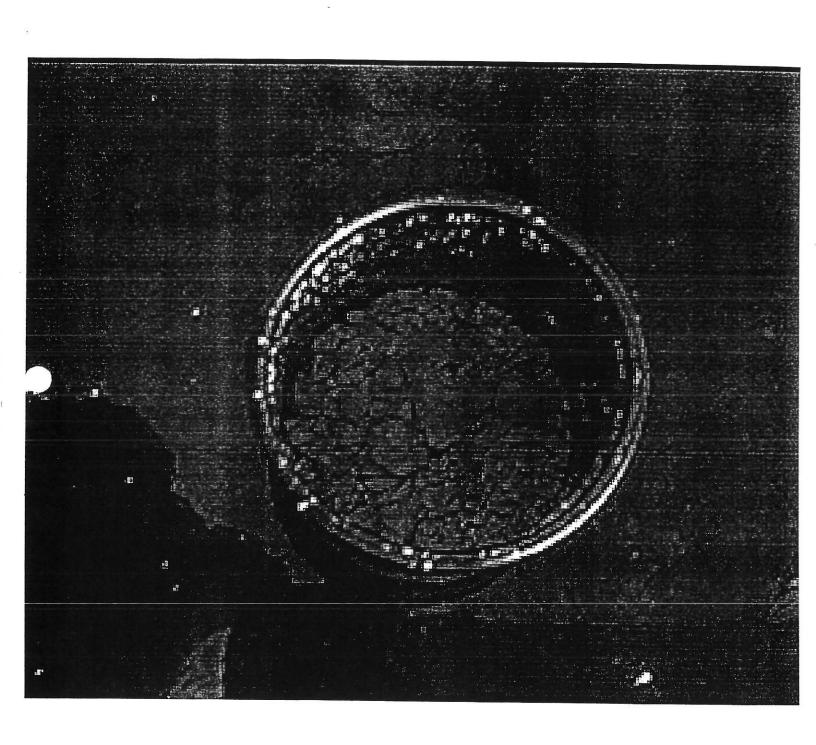








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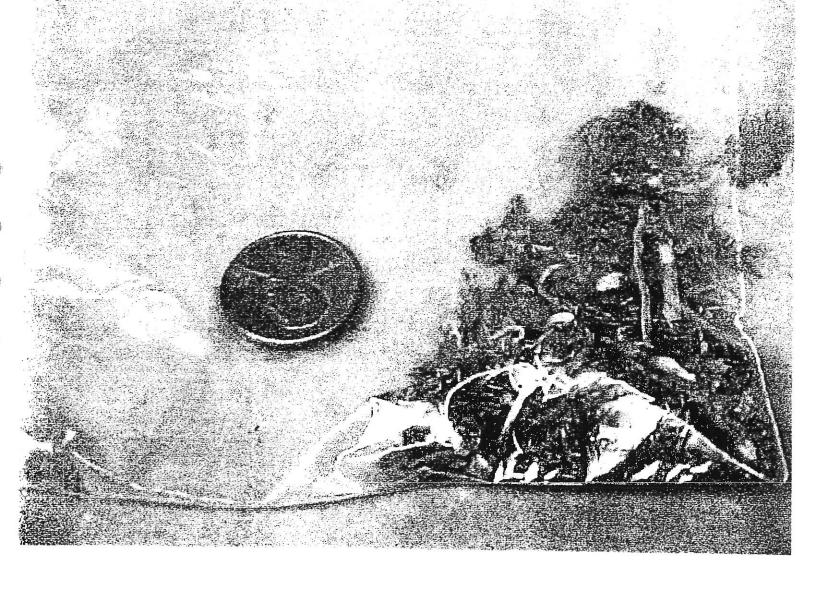
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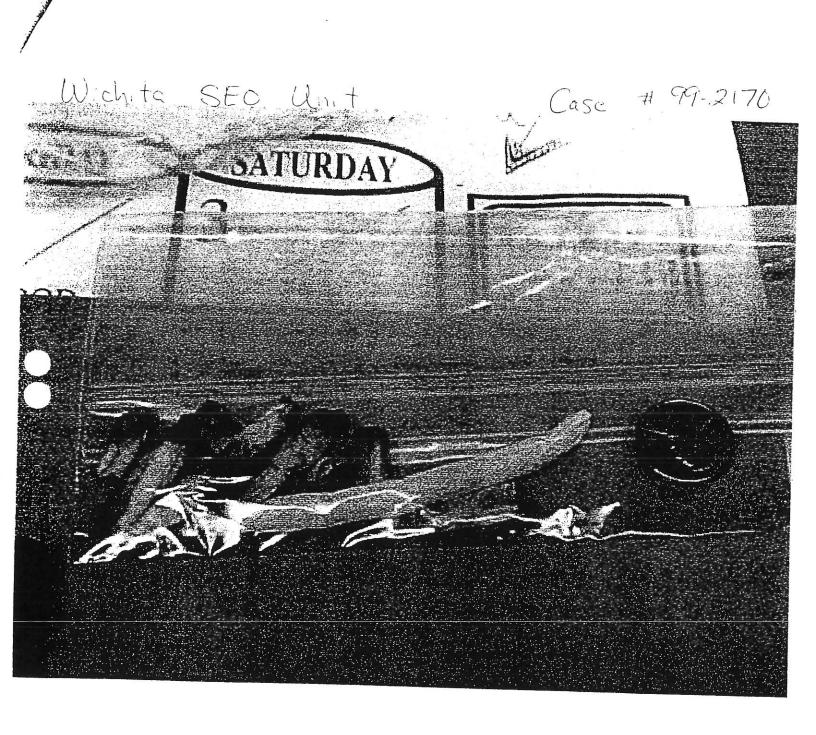
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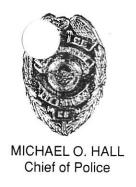


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Thursday, March 15, 2001

Mr. Anthony Hensley Senator 2226 SE Virginia Avenue Topeka, Kansas 66605-1357

Dear Senator Hensley:

I appreciate your sponsorship of Senate Bill 351. Inclusion of the men and women of the Kansas Department of Corrections Special Enforcement Unit (SEU) in the Kansas Police and Fire retirement system is very appropriate.

The support that the SEU gives local law enforcement is invaluable. They place themselves in jeopardy, side-by-side with police officers and sheriffs' deputies, in communities across Kansas every day. SEU officers deserve to earn the same retirement benefits as those with whom they so capably serve.

Please include me as one who is supportive of the SEU and Senate Bill 351. I am also grateful for your efforts on their behalf.

Very truly yours,

Michael O. Hall Chief of Police

cc: Mark Bolinger, Department of Corrections SEU

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In 1993 the Kansas Legislature saw that the needs and safety of its citizens were not being met. At this time the Legislature authorized the formation of the Special Enforcement unit to provide public safety for their citizens.

These officers were trained and commissioned as law enforcement officers, empowered to make arrests, carry firearms, and seek out persons who are in violation of their parole and/or are on warrant status through the parole office. Prior to the formation of this unit these offenders were only arrested by happenstance by other local agencies but were not actively sought leaving them to again victimize our citizens.

This unit has grown since it's initial formation from 7 to 14 officers at present. We now cover the entire State of Kansas with officers located in Topeka, Wichita, Kansas City, Pittsburg, Hutchinson and Salina Kansas.

Special Enforcement Officers are Law Enforcement officers. Since the units inception SEO's have arrested over ten thousand (10,000)-parole violators alone. We have filed 540 new criminal charges and have found 175 parolees with weapons. SEO's, through their arrests of parolees, have cleared another 1,276 outstanding warrants from other jurisdictions on these

Senate Ways and Means 3-29-01 Attachment 11 same subjects. Twenty-five instances of SEO injuries, (assaultive injuries) have been recorded and sixty-one (61) instances of physical force have been reported.

SEO's of the Kansas Department of Corrections are law enforcement officers. We are assigned to multi-agency task forces including in the Topeka and Wichita areas the United States Marshals Fugitive Task Force and in Kansas City the Federal Bureau of Investigations Greater Kansas City Fugitive Task Force. During fiscal year 2000, three hundred and twenty eight (328) Federal fugitive warrants have been cleared with the assistance of Special Enforcement Officers. In January of 2001 SEO's were presented with Certificates of Appreciation from United States Marshal Rand Rock for 2,718 Felony arrests in the year 2000.

Last year alone over 2,600 hours of sex offender surveillance were conducted in the Topeka and Wichita areas alone. We have uncovered methamphetamine labs and have been exposed to the same harmful chemicals as other law enforcement officers. We have seized narcotics and firearms as well as recovered stolen safes, stolen vehicles and arrested repeat child molesters as well as responded to robbery and domestic calls.

Special Enforcement Officers have been assigned to Major Case

Squad Investigations including the escape of triple murder subject Bobby

Jackson as well as murder investigations themselves. Through our knowledge of parolees and access to their information we are able to greatly assist other law enforcement agencies with residence and vehicle information as well as family members, employment and past criminal and prison behavior.

Special Enforcement officers frequently assist the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, Kansas Highway Patrol, United States Marshal Service, the Federal Bureau and Investigation, Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms, Alcohol and Beverage Control, and the Drug Enforcement Administration as well as local City and County Agencies.

SEO's work side by side with local law enforcement agencies and their communities. We assist in investigations, provide intelligence information, assist in arrest and search warrants as well as assist in times of community crisis. SEO's have assisted in the search for survivors after the tornado hit Wichita in the spring of 1999, assisted Crawford County after the tornadoes in April of 2000, assisted the citizens of Hutchinson after the natural gas explosion occurring in January of this year.

Special Enforcement Officers are Law enforcement officers. We carry the firearms, and are placed in the same risks and under the same stress levels as those law enforcement officers we work hand in hand with

everyday and who are fortunate enough to qualify for KP&F Retirement benefits. We wear the badges and are required the same in-service training annually to maintain our certification as other law enforcement officers. We wear clothing identifying our authority to citizens. At times of crisis citizens know only that SEO's are law enforcement officers, not which retirement benefits the officers qualify for, and they demand an appropriate response.

Accordingly, SEO's should receive the same benefits as other law enforcement officers including Kansas Police and Fire Retirement Benefits.