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**Testimony to Senate Committee on Judiciary
Supporting Testimony on SB 186**

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Chairwoman Warren and Committee Members,

Almost 4 years ago the OJA made the decision to purchase a new court records management system. The system is called Odyssey. There have been several issues with implementation of Odyssey that sheriff's office across Kansas has worked with OJA on these issues. Progress has been made in implementation.

The proposed language in SB186 is needed. We currently do not have access to warrant information that has been submitted by the District Attorney or County Attorney to judges. In turn, once the judges sign the warrant, we do not have access to what the information on the warrant is. This is due to the decision that law enforcement is in the same category as General Public, for access purposes. We have had these discussions with OJA for almost 4 years and we have not progressed on this issue.

For some sheriff's office, we have had to hire an additional person to track down all the information on a warrant approved by a judge to enter all the information into a warrant sheet and enter the information into NCIC. If we are allowed to view warrant information in Odyssey, we will not have a person dedicated to warrant information only. This change in the statute will allow us to practice how we were handling warrants before the changeover to Odyssey occurred.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sheriff Jeff Easter
KSA Legislative Chair