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Testimony to Senate Committee on Judiciary  
In Support of SB204  
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Chair Warren and Committee Members:

The Kansas Sheriffs Association supports SB204. Juvenile records should be sealed. This is particularly true of the arrest warrant and associated affidavit. The sealing of arrest warrants and related affidavits is not only necessary due to the juvenile nature of the case, but also critical for officer safety that this information not be made public prior to service of the warrant. We also note KSA 21-5906 makes it a crime to disclose arrest or search warrant prior to service of the warrant. Disclosure of the affidavit also discloses a warrant is being sought.

It is also important to retain the exception for law enforcement as included on page 1, lines 11-13 of the bill. This access is necessary for investigative purposes as well as for the service of the warrant.

We do have an amendment request. The Sheriff will also be serving subpoenas. We need access to that information also to assist in that process service. We recommend adding the same access for law enforcement to subsection (b), perhaps as follows:

#### **Amendment Request**

Add at the end of subsection (a)(2) at line 17 of page 1:

“Nothing in this paragraph shall prohibit disclosure of subpoena information to law enforcement for the purposes of serving the subpoena.”

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