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MEDIA RELEASE

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Release #1:

On Monday, February 23, 2009 at approximately 9:32 a.m. officers of the Garden City Police Department responded to an EMS assist at 907 Howerton Place, Garden City, KS.

Once on scene, officers found Kelly Deremus (34-years-old, of 907 Howerton Place) and Crystal Castaneda (22-years-old, of 307 North Third Street, Garden City, KS) inside the home. Deremus had several lacerations about his upper body and refused medical treatment from Finney County EMS.

Through the initial investigation officers learned Matthew Castaneda (24-years-old, no known address) allegedly entered the residence by kicking open the front door. Matthew Castaneda entered the bedroom where Deremus and Crystal Castaneda were sleeping and allegedly woke them up and threatened to harm them. Matthew Castaneda was allegedly armed with a handgun and a knife. Deremus attempted to escape out of the residence while Matthew Castaneda pointed the handgun at him and pulled the trigger. The handgun did not fire. It is alleged Deremus and Matthew Castaneda then engaged in a physical struggle, at which time Matthew Castaneda cut Deremus several times with his knife. Deremus was able to escape out of the residence and went to a neighbor's house for help. Matthew Castaneda then allegedly pushed his estranged wife, Crystal Castaneda, to the floor and fled the scene.

At approximately 5:06 p.m. officers of the Garden City Police Department located and arrested Matthew Castaneda in the parking lot of Wal-Mart (3101 East Kansas Avenue, Garden City, KS). During Castaneda's arrest, officers located a handgun, knife, suspected methamphetamine, and suspected drug paraphernalia used for the ingestion and distribution of illegal drugs. Matthew Castaneda was lodged in the Finney County Jail on allegations of attempted 2nd degree murder, aggravated burglary, aggravated kidnapping, kidnapping, aggravated battery, aggravated assault, criminal threat, domestic violence battery, criminal damage to property, possession of methamphetamine, felony possession of drug paraphernalia, misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, and criminal use of a weapon.

Release #2:

On Monday, February 23, 2009 at approximately 1:40 p.m. members of the Garden City/Finney County Drug Task Force and Garden City SWAT Team served search warrants at 2801 North Eighth Street Lot 15 and Lot 23, Garden City, KS.

Upon entering Lot 15, officers located and arrested Jose Castro (38-years-old, of 2801 North Eighth Street Lot 15). During a search of Castro, officers located 2.6 grams of suspected cocaine and \$1,193.00. Officers searched the residence and found 14.4 grams of suspected ice methamphetamine, 3.7 grams of suspected cocaine and drug paraphernalia. Filiberto Castro (36-years-old, of 2801 North Eighth Street Lot 15) arrived at the residence during the execution of the search warrant and was arrested. Officers located \$614.00 on him during a search.

When officers entered Lot 23, William Sanchez was located and arrested. During a search of the residence, officers located a small amount of marijuana, \$605.00 and drug paraphernalia used for the ingestion and distribution of illegal drugs.

Jose Castro and Filiberto Castro were both lodged in the Finney County Jail on allegations of possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute, possession of cocaine with intent to distribute, no Kansas drug tax stamp, felony possession of drug paraphernalia, and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia.

William Sanchez was lodged in the Finney County Jail on allegations of possession of methamphetamine, 2nd offense possession of marijuana, felony possession of drug paraphernalia, and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia.

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