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MEDIA RELEASE

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Release #1:

On Sunday, June 7, 2009 at about 2:25 a.m. officers of the Garden City Police Department were dispatched to 519 North Thirteenth Street, Garden City, KS for a fight in progress involving a possible stabbing. When officers arrived, they found Darren Mitchell (21-years-old, of an unknown address) with a stab wound to the left side of his upper body. The stabbing occurred when a fight broke out during a large party at the residence. Mitchell was apparently watching the fight when an 18-year-old male stabbed him from behind. The two engaged in a brief fight before the suspect fled the scene. He has not been located. Mitchell was transported to St. Catherine Hospital where he received stitches and was kept overnight for observation.

As officers were first arriving to the residence, one officer attempted to stop a vehicle leaving the scene. The vehicle initially stopped for the officer; however, it took off again and struck the officer, knocking him to the ground. Additional officers and a Finney County Sheriff's Deputy were able to stop the vehicle a few blocks away. The driver of the vehicle, Juan Salazar (28-years-old, of 307 North Thirteenth Street, Garden City, KS), was arrested and lodged in the Finney County Jail on allegations of aggravated battery on a law enforcement officer and obstruction of official duty. The officer sustained minor cuts and abrasions to his upper body from the incident.

Release #2:

On Friday, June 5, 2009 at approximately 8:45 p.m. officers of the Garden City Police Department responded to the Money Stop (116 West Kansas Avenue, Garden City, KS) for a reported robbery in progress.

When officers arrived at the business, the suspect had fled the area and was not located. The preliminary investigation of the incident determined the suspect entered the business and asked if he could cash a check. As the clerk entered the check cashing booth, the suspect tried to follow him in and pulled out a handgun. The clerk was able to push the suspect out of the booth and closed the door, preventing him from entering. The suspect then fled the store without taking anything.

The suspect is described as being a black male, approximately 5'9" tall and 180 pounds. He was wearing a khaki short sleeved button-up shirt with a name or logo on the right chest area, dark colored jeans and was carrying a maroon beanie, a yellow and black walkie-talkie and a Dairy Queen cup. Attached are pictures of the suspect. The GCPD is requesting anyone with information regarding this crime to contact the GCPD at (620) 276-1300, or if they wish to remain anonymous they may call Crime Stoppers at (620) 275-7807. Crime Stoppers is offering

up to \$1000.00 for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the suspect involved with this crime.



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