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MEDIA RELEASE

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On Saturday, August 8, 2009 officers of the Garden City Police Department were dispatched to St. Catherine Hospital to investigate the sexual assaults of two teenage girls.

The preliminary investigation determined the two girls, ages 13 and 15, were walking in the northwest part of Garden City around 2:00 a.m. when they were approached by a dark colored sport utility vehicle. Five Hispanic males exited the vehicle and allegedly forced both girls into the vehicle. The suspects then drove the girls to a field somewhere in Finney County where the girls were sexually assaulted. The suspects then drove the girls back into Garden City and dropped them off in the center of town.

On Tuesday, August 11, 2009 at approximately 5:40 p.m. officers of the Garden City Police Department conducted follow-up to this incident by serving a search warrant at 1801 Neil Street, Garden City, KS. During the service of the search warrant, officers arrested Carlos Macias (16-years-old, of 1801 Neil Street, Garden City, KS) for his alleged involvement. He was lodged in the Southwest Kansas Regional Juvenile Detention Center on allegations of aggravated kidnapping, aggravated sodomy, rape, and aggravated battery.

During the subsequent investigation of this incident, officers determined the two girls fabricated their story in an attempt to cover up for being out late and having consensual sexual relations with two known males. Based upon the new evidence developed by the Garden City Police Department, the Finney County Attorney's Office dismissed all charges against Carlos Macias, Jr. on August 20, 2009. The Garden City Police Department continued its investigation into this incident and on September 16, 2009 sent affidavits to the Finney County Attorney's Office requesting the two girls be charged with felony obstruction of official duty, falsely reporting a crime and curfew. In addition, officers have filed affidavits requesting Carlos Macias' charges be modified to unlawful sexual relations and a 16-year-old Garden City boy be charged with rape.

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