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MEDIA RELEASE

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On Tuesday, September 1, 2009 at approximately 2:20 a.m. officers of the Garden City Police Department were dispatched to a location in the southeast part of Garden City for a reported kidnapping. During the initial investigation a 27-year-old Garden City female reported she was involved in an argument with Bernard Adam Kramer (32-years-old, of 1720 Pats Drive, Garden city, KS) that lead to a physical altercation. She alleged Kramer grabbed her by her throat and at one point had her by her hair and attempted to force her head into a toilet. It was reported her 9-year-old son tried to assist his mother in getting Kramer off of her by kicking him. Kramer allegedly followed the 9-year-old boy as he ran to another room in the residence. Kramer allegedly threw open the door causing it to strike the boy in the knee, and then pushed him. The 27-year-old female seeing this, grabbed her son and fled the house.

After leaving the house, the female called Paul Martinez (28-years-old, of 611 North Ninth Street, Garden City, KS) to assist in retrieving her 4-year-old daughter who was still inside the residence. As Martinez, the 27-year-old female and her son walked back to the residence, they were approached by Kramer. Kramer allegedly exchanged words with Martinez and pointed a handgun at him. Kramer then returned to the residence and locked the doors. Due to the nature of the situation, a hostage negotiator and members of the Garden City Police Department S.W.A.T. team responded to assist. Several attempts were made to contact Kramer to no avail. At approximately 4:47 a.m. members of the S.W.A.T. team entered the residence and took Kramer in to custody without incident. Kramer was lodged in the Finney County Jail on allegations of aggravated assault, kidnapping, aggravated endangerment of a child, and domestic violence battery.

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