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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Release #1:**

On Tuesday, February 2, 2010 at 6:25 a.m. officers of the Garden City Police Department arrested Jesus Jose Diaz (18-years-old, of 4101 E. Hwy 50 Lot 381, Garden City, KS) for a string of robberies that occurred during the early morning hours.

Officers were first dispatched to the Food Mart #3 (1505 W. Buffalo Jones) at 2:50 a.m. for an aggravated robbery in progress. When officers arrived, they learned the suspect entered the business armed with a handgun and fled after obtaining an undisclosed amount of money. Officers also learned the suspect had been in the store approximately 15 minutes prior to the robbery to purchase items. The suspect was described as a Hispanic male, approximately 5'4" to 5'6" tall, with light skin, medium build, and wearing a dark colored hooded coat.

As officers were investigating the Food Mart #3 robbery, additional officers were dispatched to the Roadway Inn (1311 E. Fulton St.) at 3:53 a.m. for an aggravated robbery in progress. The investigation determined a Hispanic male matching the description from the Food Mart #3 robbery entered the business armed with a handgun and fled after obtaining an undisclosed amount of money. It was also learned the suspect was in the business prior to the robbery inquiring about a room, but did not rent one. At this point, officers began making contact with other open businesses to advise them of the situation.

While investigating the previous two robberies, officers were dispatched to the Garden City Inn (1202 W. Kansas Ave.) at 4:53 a.m. for an aggravated robbery in progress. When officers arrived, they learned the suspect entered the business armed with a handgun and demanded money from the clerk. The suspect was unable to obtain any money and broke a locked glass door to exit the business. The suspect description from this robbery matched the description of the suspect from the previous two robberies.

At 5:05 a.m. officers were dispatched to an aggravated robbery in progress at the Best Value Inn (1818 Commanche Dr.). The investigation determined the suspect entered the business armed with a handgun and fled after obtaining an undisclosed amount of money. The description of the suspect matched the description from the previous three robberies.

Officers were continuing to investigate the robberies when dispatchers received a call from a citizen about a suspicious subject going back and forth between the Presto Convenience Store (501 E. Fulton St.) and the Fulton Convenience Store (601 E. Fulton St.) When officers arrived in the area, they found an individual who matched the description of the robbery suspect talking on the payphone in front of the Fulton Convenience Store. Officers contacted Jesus Jose Diaz and located a handgun in his coat pocket. Diaz also had in his possession a lottery ticket he purchased from the Food Mart #3 and some of the money believed to have been stolen during the robberies. Officers also learned Diaz was known to drive a white over gray Plymouth van. During a search of the area where Diaz was arrested, officers located the van parked north of the

Presto Convenience Store. The van was towed and detectives are in the process of obtaining a search warrant to look for further evidence. Diaz has been lodged in the Finney County Jail on allegations of four (4) counts of aggravated robbery, criminal possession of a firearm and misdemeanor criminal damage to property.

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