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MEDIA RELEASE

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UPDATE

On Thursday, January 7, 2010 at 12:31 p.m. officers from the Garden City Police Department arrested Mitchell Ebihara at 607 E. Maple St. Garden City, KS. The arrest was the result of a cooperative effort by members of the Garden City Police Department, Finney County Sheriff's Department, Kearny County Sheriff's Department, Kansas Highway Patrol, and Kansas Bureau of Investigation.

Shortly before officers arrested Ebihara, a member of the Garden City Police Department received a Crime Stoppers tip that he was hiding at 607 E. Maple. Officers of the Garden City Police Department obtained consent to search the residence and did not find him inside. While checking a storm shelter outside of the home, officers saw Ebihara and attempted to take him into custody. Ebihara resisted arrested and was ultimately arrested by members of the Garden City Police Department S.W.A.T. team. He has been lodged in the Finney County Jail on an allegation of two counts of felony obstruction of official duty.

After officers observed Ebihara run from a residence in the 100 block of N. Fourth St. a perimeter was set up and maintained by the above mentioned agencies. Prior to this incident, officers received information indicating when Ebihara had ran from law enforcement previously; he had hidden a short distance away to wait for officers to leave. With this knowledge, officers conducted multiple searches in and around the area where Ebihara was last seen and were prepared to continue the search until Ebihara was located.

The Garden City Police Department would like to extend a special thanks to the Garden City Chapter of the American Red Cross and other departments of the City of Garden City who provided support during this incident. Volunteers from the American Red Cross provided food, beverages and other assistance to those officers involved in searching for Ebihara in the extreme cold temperatures.

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During the past few days officers have received tips in regards to the location of Mitchell Ebihara (27-years-old) in and around the Garden City area. Ebihara is wanted for escaping from the Kearny County Jail where he was being held on charges stemming from a shooting in January of 2009.

On Tuesday, January 5, 2010 at about 9:25 p.m. officers received information that Ebihara was at a house in the 100 block of N. Fourth St. in Garden City. As officers were responding to the location, Ebihara fled on foot and has not been located. He was last seen wearing a blue sweater and black Adidas wind pants with stripes down the side. Ebihara has several tattoos from the neck down and has "SUR" tattooed on the back of his head.

We are requesting anyone with information about the whereabouts of Mitchell Ebihara to call the Garden City Police Department at (620) 276-1300, or if you wish to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers at (620) 275-7807, or text GCTIP and your tip to 847411 (TIP411). Attached is the wanted poster from Kearny County. **Ebihara should be considered armed and dangerous.**



Wanted For Aggravated Escape

Mitchell Junior Ebihara a/k/a Mitchell Ebihara, Jr.

Born: May 30, 1982

Height: 504 Weight: 118 Hair: Brown Eyes:
Brown



Mitchell Ebihara is wanted after escaping from the Kearny County Jail in Lakin, Kansas. On October 12, 2009 at about 10:00 p.m., Ebihara was being escorted to his cell after going to the jail library. He physically assaulted and injured a female guard and effected his escape. Ebihara was awaiting trial on a shooting that occurred in January.

Ebihara should be considered extremely dangerous. Anyone with information as to the whereabouts of Ebihara is asked to contact the Kearny County Sheriff's Department at (620) 355-6211 or their local law enforcement agency.

Caution Flight Risk

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