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Dear Senators,

Current State Statute 38-2282 (Newborn Infant Protection Act) requires a person who surrenders an infant who is 60 days or younger to first responders or a medical care facility defined by K.S.A. 64-425. Such employee shall, without a court order, take physical custody of an infant surrendered pursuant to this section. A relinquishing parent voluntarily surrendering an infant under this subsection shall not be required to reveal personally identifiable information but may be offered the opportunity to provide information concerning the infant's family or medical history.

- Lack of knowledge about this law and remaining anonymous has historically produced catastrophic and devastating results of babies being abandoned. McPherson has experienced this type of incident firsthand. A mother abandoned her baby in a poly cart trash can, where thankfully a City of McPherson Police Officer found the baby before trash services dumped the poly cart.
- Many women in crisis want and need to remain anonymous when surrendering an infant, either because of fear of being recognized, the stigma associated with the surrender, or fear of prosecution due to lack of knowledge and misunderstanding of the Newborn Infant Protection Act.

We are pursuing an amendment of the current legislation(Newborn Infant Protection Act) to allow infant rescue devices. This would allow options and promote awareness to persons who surrender an infant. Avoiding the fear, stigma, misunderstanding, and hopefully avoiding any future incidents.

It is still encouraged to conduct a face-to-face surrender as it benefits bot the mother and infant. There are hotlines that provide counseling to women in crisis and only suggest the infant rescue device as a last option.

We are requesting an amendment to State Statute 38-2282 Newborn Infant Protection Act to allow the installation and use of Baby Boxes in the State of Kansas.

The City of McPherson Police narrative of the incident is attached, as well as the news document regarding the case.

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# THE HUTCHINSON NEWS

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## NEWS

### **McPHERSON - What began as an Amber Alert for a 6-week-old girl who was allegedly taken from her mother's home ended Tuesday when the baby was found alive, wrapped in a blanket inside a garbage Dumpster.**

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The girl appeared to be in good health after a police officer found her wrapped in a blanket and placed "carefully" on top of some sealed trash bags. The child was taken to McPherson Memorial Hospital.

The child's 18-year-old mother was taken into protective custody as officials investigate. Her name won't be released unless charges are filed, officials said.

McPherson Police Chief Dennis Shaw said the mother could possibly face aggravated endangerment charges.

In the past, police have been called for welfare checks at the home in the 500 block of North Chestnut, but the child always appeared to be OK.

Someone either believed the mother wasn't caring for her child properly or they were harassing her by making false reports, Shaw said.

The girl's mother reported her missing after 10 a.m. Tuesday. The initial suspect was the child's grandmother, who allegedly crawled through the bathroom window while the mother was taking a shower. However, when the pickup and grandmother were found near Salina, the Kansas Highway Patrol did not find the baby.

"The engine was still cold and there was no way for that person to get back to that part of the country in time," Shaw said.

Officials then began to search locally for the child.

A neighbor reported seeing the mother walking with the child in a stroller a short time before the abduction was reported. Police checked around the home and found the child in a trash bin two blocks from the house.

"We're just very glad the baby was found OK and safe, and there didn't appear to be any problems," Shaw said.

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Falsely Reporting a Crime

On Tuesday, 05-27-2008, at approximately 1013 hrs. I, Sgt. \_\_\_\_\_ was advised by dispatch of a child abduction from \_\_\_\_\_. They advised that the suspect was possibly \_\_\_\_\_, who is the grandmother of the child. The child is \_\_\_\_\_.

I had just been to the residence earlier in the morning at 0836 hrs. reference to a welfare check called in by \_\_\_\_\_. At that time I had spoke with \_\_\_\_\_ mother \_\_\_\_\_ about this. She had been voicing some concerns about the regularity of the welfare check requests and she said that SRS was to be coming over today to do a home inspection.

Also present was \_\_\_\_\_. Both were stating they would like to do something about the harassment by \_\_\_\_\_. For further information on this see \_\_\_\_\_.

I had spoke with \_\_\_\_\_ at approximately 1057 hrs. to verify information for \_\_\_\_\_ to do a report. I was in the processing of finishing a dictation on that when this call came out.

At approximately 1016 hrs. I arrived on scene. \_\_\_\_\_ had arrived moments before. I pulled into the alley behind the house and blocked it with my patrol car. I noted that there was only one set of tire tracks in the mud and that was leading to a car that was in the yard to the north. Driver of which was just getting out of the car. I did not see any footprints or anything else in the mud. I went to the back of the residence where dispatch advised someone had entered into the bedroom window to take the child. Dispatch had advised that \_\_\_\_\_ had been in the shower and when she came out the baby had been gone and the screen removed from the bedroom window. I was checking this area and was contacted by both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ at the back of the house. \_\_\_\_\_ also came to the back of the house. \_\_\_\_\_ examined the windows and I took \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to the front of the house. I began gathering on what had happened.

\_\_\_\_\_ explained that \_\_\_\_\_ was sleeping in her bassinet in the back bedroom. \_\_\_\_\_ had taken her shower and was out of the room maybe ten minutes. \_\_\_\_\_ said he had been lying on the couch in the livingroom at the front of the house watching television during this time. Neither had heard anything going on. \_\_\_\_\_ said that whoever had done this must have

been very very quite to have gotten in without him hearing something.

said she had Case:

been in the shower maybe at the most ten minutes. did have wet hair while I was speaking with her initially. I noted that her hair was down on the second contact where it had been pulled back earlier in the morning. She was also wearing jeans instead of pajama pants from earlier in the morning.

I had asked about who was present when I arrived and said that had just arrived prior to officers and that he had been at court at ten o'clock.

I received information from about her mother, step-father and her brother. She concluded that it had to have been her brother that came through the window since he was the only one small enough to get through it. This is

Kansas Highway Patrol officers responded to where they made contact with at approximately 1051 hrs. at her residence of She and were both at the residence. Troopers checked the residence and did not find any indication that the child was there. Troopers then went to where they made contact with who is sister. They spoke with her at work and also checked to make sure that the child was not with her. It was passed on to me by Trooper that had told him that was a compulsive liar and has had a history of emotional problems.

Detective came to the residence to process the possible point of entry at the back bedroom. While he was doing this I checked around the immediate area of the house and the neighbors to the south. I spoke with at the house on the southwest corner of the intersection of and She advised she was babysitting for her sister. advised she lives in a Cell phone number is said that she had arrived at the residence at ten o'clock because that is when her sister needed to leave to go to a doctor's appointment. said she had driven from the and had went westbound down She said that she saw the girl from pushing her stroller in the street on said she was not sure if it was th. ,ot

She said she could see that there was a blanket in the stroller but could not see if the baby was with her at that time. This was passed on to the other officers who were conducting neighborhood check. This was at approximately 1135 hrs. Case:

that it was passed on.

I, along with Detective [redacted] checked the residence at [redacted] check and see if the infant may still be around there. We checked all three levels of the residence. At approximately 1218 hrs. dispatch advised that KBI would be en route to this residence. They were requesting that everybody leave the residence that it needed to be closed as a crime scene. Everybody was asked to leave. At this point several family members of [redacted] had arrived and had been sitting with her. [redacted] had also responded as a counselor and had been speaking with [redacted] went with [redacted] to the Law Enforcement Center. I closed off the house and no one else entered after that point. [redacted] along with KBI agents [redacted] and [redacted] arrived approximately 1300 hrs. and entered the residence. While they were talking and preparing to search the residence again Sgt [redacted] called out by radio that the infant had been found in a trash can. The infant was found by Officer [redacted] between [redacted] [redacted] EMS responded and was on scene at approximately 1309 hrs. [redacted] was transported to Memorial Hospital by McPherson EMS.

I remained on scene until approximately 1428 hrs. when Asst. Chief [redacted] advised that I could clear from the residence and that they would not need anything further from there. I returned to the Law Enforcement Center where I was advised that [redacted] would be held for 48-hours for observation at Memorial Hospital. I was also advised that [redacted] was going to be taken to Memorial Hospital E. R. to be checked for possible protective custody.

It should be noted that while on scene I pointed out to Detective [redacted] a notebook laying on top of the dresser partially covered by some other items in the back bedroom where the baby had been. Detective [redacted] later collected this notebook which was a journal by [redacted] In her writing it was apparent that she was depressed and possibly having suicidal thoughts.

A juvenile sheet was filled out for [redacted], for a child in need of care. This is still with the case jacket as she is still at the hospital.

Nothing further at this time. This report narrated by Sgt.

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Sgt

Case \_\_\_\_\_ Added Information \_\_\_\_\_ 05-27-2008

On May 27, 2008 Sgt \_\_\_\_\_ and I, Office \_\_\_\_\_ were called out to assist in a neighborhood canvass by Capt \_\_\_\_\_ Sgt. \_\_\_\_\_ and I arrived at 1133 hrs. Capt \_\_\_\_\_ arrived just prior to us. We began a large neighborhood canvass. During completion of the neighborhood canvass I met back up with Sgt \_\_\_\_\_ and Capt. \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

At this time Sgt. \_\_\_\_\_ and I began walking west on \_\_\_\_\_ We reached the alley that ran between the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ When we reached the alley we decided to take one last look before we cleared from the area. Behind the residence of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ and I noticed an open trash poly cart with the serial number \_\_\_\_\_ on the front. I walked towards the poly cart to look inside upon looking inside I saw a baby laying in the poly cart. The baby was laying on it's left side. There was a bag full of trash holding the baby up on it's left side. The baby's head was facing the bottom of the poly cart. The baby was laying with it's back against the north side of the poly cart with the top of it's head facing the east side of the poly cart.

As I gasped Sgt \_\_\_\_\_ looked in the poly cart as I moved the trash bag so that I could pick up the baby. Sgt \_\_\_\_\_ radioed to dispatch the location of the baby at 1305 hrs. and requested EMS to our location to check the baby. I picked up the baby from the poly cart. As I picked it up I felt the blanket that was very wet.

I carried the baby to the north side of the alley where the EMS was waiting in the \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I handed the baby to an EMT.

At this time I set up a perimeter with yellow tape while Sgt \_\_\_\_\_ took initial photos of the trash can area which was later logged as exhibit 1 and 2 in evidence locker \_\_\_\_\_ I then remained in the perimeter and kept a log of the people that entered and exited the perimeter until it was released by Detective \_\_\_\_\_

During the neighborhood canvass Sgt. \_\_\_\_\_ spoke with an \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ at 1208 hrs. who said he had seen a white female pushing a stroller westbound on \_\_\_\_\_

between 0930 and 1030 hrs. He described the female as approximately 5'10" and small to medium weight with long brown hair and possibly wearing a brown tank top.

Sgt. \_\_\_\_\_ also spoke to \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ at 1218 hrs. who said he'd seen a

white female pushing a stroller west on \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_, wearing a brown shirt and possibly black khaki pants at approximately 1000 to 1030 hrs. She was described to be about 5'7", 140 lbs. with sandy brown hair.

This added narrated by \_\_\_\_\_

jdw



Added information

05-27-2008

On 05-27-2008, at approximately 1013 hours McPherson County Dispatch advised of a missing six week old female from the \_\_\_\_\_, I \_\_\_\_\_ did respond to the area and did see a younger white female crying walking down the sidewalk talking on a c-phone. At that point she was at the corner of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. I did advise dispatch I could see the reporting party however was more concerned about the vehicle or direction of travel of the possible abductors. They did advise me that they were being told it was the grandmother \_\_\_\_\_ who would be driving a red pickup with black stripes. Dispatch then advised me that reporting party stated she had been in the shower for approximately five minutes and so the vehicle would have been gone from the area approximately ten minutes. At that point I did advise dispatch to put out an area wide alert and I did stop at the residence at \_\_\_\_\_.

At the residence I did meet with the young female I had seen outside who identified herself as \_\_\_\_\_. It should be noted that Sgt \_\_\_\_\_ had pulled into the alley shortly after I arrived and did secure the back of the residence. I did start trying to interview the reporting party, \_\_\_\_\_ but she was crying and carrying on. She did seem very emotionally distraught and was unable to answer some basic questions for me. At one point during the initial contact with her she did appear to become physically ill. I did advise dispatch that I needed another detective there to help work the crime scene as I did see a screen laying on the ground and the window to the back of the house open. After calming down the reporting party \_\_\_\_\_ did finally tell me that she was taking a shower and when she came back out of the shower her six week old baby was gone. She did state that the window had been closed prior to her taking a shower. It should be noted this would be in the northwest corner of the house with two windows on the west side. One of the windows on the west side had an air conditioner in it and the second window was missing the screen and was pushed open. It did appear to me that the screen laying on the ground would come off of the window that was open.

After getting basic information reference the six week old baby I did advise dispatch of \_\_\_\_\_.

all that information and did attempt to start making an amber alert. Dispatch was able to identify [redacted] by where she lived and find a vehicle description for her. They did notify [redacted]

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Kansas Highway Patrol who did proceed to her residence in [redacted]

I was advised by dispatch that Kansas Highway Patrol had made contact with [redacted] at [redacted] in [redacted]. KHP stated that they searched the residence and did not find the baby and that the vehicle which would be a red Chevy pickup with black stripe was cold to the touch and did not appear to be driven that morning.

Information then came from [redacted] that possibly [redacted] had taken the baby and was driving a [redacted] s. Kansas Highway Patrol was able to find that vehicle at her place of employment and did verify that she had been in her business that morning when the alleged abduction took place. It should be noted that [redacted] was so emotionally distraught and getting physically ill, I had called a counselor to the residence to deal with her. Counselor was [redacted] had arrived at the location prior to me leaving to come back to the Law Enforcement Center to help expedite the amber alert.

After both leads that were given by [redacted] of possible abductors were found to be negative, Chief [redacted] and I did proceed back to the residence at approximately 1127 hours. Prior to arriving at the residence I did call for all on duty uniformed officers to come to that location and start a neighborhood. I did meet with Capt. [redacted], Sgt. [redacted] and Officer [redacted]. I did advise them that I needed them to start going door to door and checking with the neighbors and looking in the trash cans and vehicles to see if we could find the baby and the location. I was also advised by Sgt. [redacted] that he had talked to the neighbor to the north of [redacted] and that neighbor had seen [redacted] walking with a stroller a little before 1000 hours on this date. I did enter into the residence and did see quite a few people back at the crime scene. After conferring with Chief [redacted] I did advise everybody they needed to leave the residence as we were going to secure it as a crime scene. It should be noted that Det. [redacted] had showed up at the residence to start working the crime scene. Everybody was cooperative on leaving the residence with the exception of one male by the name of [redacted]

I did advise [redacted] to take [redacted] to the Law Enforcement Center and place her in the interview room and I would meet them there.

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I did confer with Det. [redacted] and he did advise me that the window screen did appear to have pry marks but he did not see any foot marks where somebody could have climbed up the side of the wall. It should be noted that it has been raining heavily for several days and there was mud everywhere. He also noted to me that the window was open but just enough for one person to get through. Det. [redacted] said in his opinion it would have taken two people to take the baby out of the residence if it had happened. With this information Chief [redacted] did decide to go ahead and call out off duty police officers to canvas the neighborhood to find where may have placed the baby.

I did arrive back at the Law Enforcement Center where I did meet with [redacted] in the interview room. It should be noted at that time her father [redacted] was there along with her aunt [redacted]. [redacted] was also in the interview room at that time. I did ask [redacted] to write me a written statement stating that I wanted everything from the time she had woke up on this date to the time she called the police. I did give her some statement forms to fill out.

At this time we were believing that [redacted] had done something with her baby but we didn't know what and I was waiting to see if we could find the baby prior to conducting an interview with her. It should be noted that John Helmer does work for the McPherson Emergency Ambulance Service. [redacted] did receive a page over his radio when the baby had been located in a trash can and at that time [redacted] did hear that the baby had been located because of this page. At this time I could hear [redacted] yelling from the interview room so I did enter back into the interview room and asked everybody to leave. I did tell [redacted] to have a seat and I would be back to talk to her in a minute.

I did start an interview with [redacted] at 1310 hours on 05-27-2008. This was recorded on a DVD. The first time I went into the interview I was accompanied by Det.

[redacted] who did take notes of the interview and the interview was being watched by Det. [redacted].

[redacted]. During the initial interview I did advise her of her miranda warning at 1311 hours to which she stated yes to understanding her rights.

did initially deny placing her baby in the trash can and the interview did carry on  
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to where she stated she had black outs and that when she went for this walk she had blacked out.

She had stated prior to that that she did have a history of mental illness being bipolar and schizophrenic with black outs. She did state at that point during the interview that when she was on her walk she blacked out and when she woke up her hair was wet and her baby was gone.

She stated at that time she called 911 because she was really scared because she didn't know where the baby was. I did start having her walk me through where she had been taking a walk to which she did state she left the residence at [redacted] and turned south going to the stop sign. When she reached the stop sign she turned west going west on [redacted]. Then she stated that she went down the alley behind the residence which would be going back to the north. She stated that when she hit [redacted] she went to the east.

At that point the interview was stopped waiting for Special Agent [redacted] from the Kansas Bureau of Investigation to arrive so he could continue helping me interview her.

The interview started again at 1353 hours with myself and Special Agent [redacted] in the interview room. I did start having her tell me again about her walk to which she stated that she remembers taking the stroller on the walk. She stated while she was on her walk she had to go to the bathroom. After several different times of going through her statements I did have her start at the beginning again to which she told the following statement. She stated that after Sgt.

[redacted] had arrived at the residence on a welfare check that had been called in by her mother she got real scared. She stated that her mother had told her SRS was coming to take the baby away on Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. She state that once Sgt. [redacted] showed up on a welfare check her cousin [redacted] kept telling her that SRS was coming to take the baby that day along with the police. [redacted] stated that she got very scared and paranoid so she placed the baby in a stroller and went for a walk. Once again she stated that she left south out of the residence at a stop sign at [redacted]; then turned west on [redacted] to the alley behind the residence and then turned north and walked northbound until she hit [redacted] and then walked east on [redacted] till she went to Kyle's Discount. She stated at that point she was thinking about her and the baby running away and just leaving but knew she had no money or friends to go to. It was pretty obvious was not thinking very clearly or rationally at this time when she was telling me

that she Case: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] knew SRS and the police were coming to take her baby. [REDACTED] stated that when she got to Kyle's Discount she had to use the bathroom and as they didn't have public bathrooms she headed back to the residence of [REDACTED]. She stated that she got to the corner of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], she seen a vehicle she didn't know parked in front of the residence at [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] stated she was sure that was SRS their to take her baby from her so rather than proceeding to the residence she turned around and walked back which would be to the east on [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] She stated that she remembers playing the baby on top of a container that had a box in it. She stated this container was maroon in color and was clean. Special Agent [REDACTED] did get her to say that it was a trash container during the interview. She stated that she placed a blanket down inside the trash container and then walked back to the residence so she could find out who was in the car. She stated she went inside and immediately [REDACTED], started telling her that the SRS was coming to take her baby. She stated she started getting paranoid and so she went in and took a shower. She stated after she came out from taking her shower she looked and saw that the baby was not in the basinet and she panicked. She stated she called her aunt, which would be [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] told her to call 911. She stated at that time is when she called and stated her baby had been kidnapped.

I did have her explain a couple of things to me when I asked her about the screen on the ground outside her bedroom window she stated that had been the screen off of the window in which they placed an air conditioner in the day before. When I asked her about the other window being partially opened she stated she had opened that window that morning, 05-27-2008 so she could throw some dirt outside because she was cleaning her bedroom.

During my interview with [REDACTED] it did appear once again that she was emotionally distraught and physically upset to the point of being sick. It did appear that with her not being on her medication as she had told me since she became pregnant with the baby that her bipolar and schizophrenia had kicked in to the point to where she was not making logical decisions. After conferring with Chief [REDACTED] and the County Attorney's Office it was decided to go ahead and place her into protective custody and take her to the hospital for examination.

Det. [REDACTED] and I did escort [REDACTED] to the Memorial Hospital where she was Case: [REDACTED]

seen by Dr. [redacted] Dr. [redacted] did sign a protective custody order which states in her opinion the patient should be placed in protective custody because of severe mental disorder and that such a person is in need of treatment.

With the signed protective custody order Det. [redacted] and I did escort [redacted] to the Prairie View in Newton, KS. She was turned over to Prairie View along with the proper paperwork.

It should be noted that I spoke with Prairie View Hospital and did advise them that if she tried to leave or was allowed to leave prior to a hearing with the County Attorney's Office on her mental competency we were to be contacted as she would be arrested for child endangerment at that time.

After the interview with [redacted] I did proceed to Memorial Hospital because I had been told that the baby was at the hospital and the baby would not be allowed to leave to be placed into juvenile intake and SRS custody. I did arrive and did speak with Dr. [redacted] who was the emergency room nurse working on the baby. Dr. [redacted] stated that while it appeared initially that the baby was healthy she did have concerns about it being in a trash can for three and a half hours and was susceptible to infection. She stated that they need to watch the baby's blood count to make sure the baby did not pick up any disease or infections in the trash can. I was also advised that the baby was a little under weight but it was nothing serious.

Dr. [redacted] along with the house supervisor [redacted] did advise me that they were going to place the baby in the [redacted] which is a secure facility. I did advise them that the baby would not be allowed to have any visitors until after the court hearing on the decision of what to do with the baby. They were given two names for people to visit that would be [redacted] from SRS and myself from the police department.

After I had take [redacted] to Prairie View I did stop back by Memorial Hospital and check on the welfare of [redacted] had been eating and was fed and they said was in good health at that time. I did meet with Dr. Marla [redacted] who is the baby's doctor. Dr. [redacted] stated that the baby could stay in the hospital for the next 48 hours as far as she was concerned or could be released once SRS was able to find a good placement home for the baby. I [redacted] did advise her that I would talk with [redacted] on tomorrow's date 05-28-2008 and

advise [redacted] e that the baby was in good health and could be released upon finding of a good home.

Copy of this report needs to be forwarded to the county attorney's office for protective custody of [redacted], child in need of care case on [redacted] and possible future charges of aggravated child endangerment and making a false report of a crime to the county attorney's office. Nothing further at this time.

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Capt.

Case: [redacted] Added Information 05-28-2008

At 1013 hrs., Tuesday, May 27, 2008, I, Detective [redacted] heard McPherson  
County Dispatch send officers to [redacted] n McPherson, concerning a six week old,

female, child being abducted. At 1045 hrs., I arrived at [redacted] to assist with the investigation. I was dropped off at the residence by Capt. [redacted]. The residence at [redacted] was located on the west side of [redacted] two houses north of [redacted]. The front entrance/exitway to the residence faced east. The residence was a two-story house with a basement and cedar shingle type siding.

When I arrived, Sgt. [redacted] and several other people were in front of the residence. I contacted Sgt. [redacted] and he briefed me on the information he had at that time. Sgt. [redacted] told me that a woman identified as [redacted] was reporting that her six week old daughter, identified as [redacted], was taken from a bedroom in the residence. Sgt. [redacted] took me around the north side of the residence, to the west side. He showed me a window on the west side of the residence for the bedroom located in the northwest corner of the residence. There were actually two windows side-by-side, one of which had a window air conditioning unit installed in it. The window with the air conditioning unit was closest to the northwest corner of the residence. The second window, just south of the window with the air conditioning unit was open. There was a screen between eight and ten feet away from the residence, toward the west, which appeared to be from the window that was open.

I took photographs of the exterior of the residence and the interior of the residence with [redacted] Sony CD Mavica camera [redacted] serial number [redacted]. The photographs were recorded on CDRs labeled [redacted] and [redacted]. I checked the alley behind or west of the residence for tire tracks. There were tire tracks leading to a vehicle that was parked at the residence north of [redacted] but there were not any other tracks. I also checked the area surrounding the west side of the residence, particularly the area around the window that was open for footwear prints, but did not locate any. I looked at the wood shingles covering the area below the window for damage caused by someone climbing into the window, but there was not any damage. Sgt. [redacted] told me that the infant was taken from a bassinet that was inside the bedroom. From the outside of the residence looking in the window, you could see the bassinet, but someone would have had to

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have made complete entry into the residence to remove the infant from the bassinet. The bottom of the window sill was approximately 5' above the ground or higher.

Sgt. [redacted] and I went into the residence and he showed me the bedroom the infant was taken from. I took additional photographs of the bedroom, then I went back outside the residence and processed the point of entry for latent fingerprints. I did not obtain any fingerprints from the exterior of the residence at all. I then went back into the residence and processed the area on the inside of the window and around it for latent prints. I located what appeared to be a series of 4-5 fingerprints on the wooden trim that was around the window on the inside of the residence. When I first went into the residence with Sgt. [redacted] saw [redacted] and another female, whom I did not know. I asked Sgt. [redacted] if they checked the residence for the infant and he told me that they did not. I told him that we needed to check the residence, then I asked [redacted] if we could check the residence, to make sure that the infant was not there. [redacted] spoke up at that time and said something about us, the police, wasting time and not looking for her infant. [redacted] said that we could check her residence though, so Sgt. [redacted] and I checked all three stories of the residence for the infant, but did not locate her.

I left the residence to go to the Law Enforcement Center to get some Mikrosil casting material, so I could lift the prints off of the trim around the inside of the window. I returned back to the residence and applied the Mikrosil casting material over the prints on the trim. While I was waiting for the casting material to harden, I searched a closet in the bedroom for the infant, but did not locate her.

Chief [redacted], Senior Special Agent [redacted] and Senior Special Agent [redacted] of the Kansas Bureau of Investigations came to the residence.

While SSA [redacted] and I were in the basement of the residence re-checking the area for the infant, I heard over the radio that the infant was located.

SSA [redacted] and SSA [redacted] all left to go to the location of the infant at that time. I removed the Mikrosil casting material that I covered the latent prints with and found that there were no prints on the lift with ridge friction detail sufficient for identification purposes, not even a partial print. I inadvertently omitted that when I [redacted].

went to the Law Enforcement Center to get the Mikrosil casting material, I took the screen that was laying in the yard west of the residence in for processing and placed it in my office. At 1330 hrs., I left to go to the location that the infant was found.

I went to the specifically to the alley between the . of and the . of The infant was said to have been found in a McPherson Solid Waste Utilities trash can or poly cart that was located on the east side of the alley, toward the north end of the alley.

Chief pointed out tracks in the gravel, sand, dirt mixture alley, which he said he believed were from a stroller that took down the alley. also had the stroller that was originally sitting on the front porch of the residence at with him at the side of the alley. I took photographs of the tracks in the alley and of the wheels on the stroller. I measured the width of the tires on the stroller and the width of the tracks in the alley. The tracks in the alley were approximately the same size as the width of the dual set of tires on the front of the stroller. I also took photographs of the trash can that the infant was found in and 360-degree photographs from the location of the trash can. I dusted the exterior of the trash can for latent prints, but was not able to locate any prints.

In addition to Chief , officers Sgt. , Officer . Officer and Officer were in the alleyway. Officer stayed inside an area that was marked off with crime scene tape, which was also the area that the trash can was in. Sgt. assisted me with taking photographs of the tracks in the alley and Officer assisted me in obtaining measurements of the alley. The trash can that the infant was found in was located approximately 92 feet from the edge of the roadway on to the north and 264 feet nine inches to the edge of the roadway on to the south. At 1457 hrs., I completed processing in the alleyway and left the area at that time.

I inadvertently omitted that when I was at in the bedroom that the infant was supposed to have been taken from, I saw three different prescription bottles. Two of the prescriptions were prescribed to , the first was Seroquel, 100 mg. tablets prescribed by . The date that the prescription was filled was on 05-01-08. The

second prescription prescribed to \_\_\_\_\_ was SMZ/TMP DS 800-160 tab Interpharm, generic for Bactrim DS 800-160 tab, prescribed by \_\_\_\_\_. The date the prescription was filled was on 05-23-08. The third bottle of prescription medication had a prescription label indicating it was prescribed to \_\_\_\_\_ The bottle indicated that it contained Ibuprofen 800 mg. tablets, prescribed by \_\_\_\_\_ and the date that the prescription was filled was 01-08-05. Sgt. \_\_\_\_\_ also pointed out a notebook that was laying on top of the dresser in the bedroom that appeared that it could have been written by \_\_\_\_\_. The notebook appeared to be a journal that had information concerning her feelings and “wishing just to die.” I took this notebook from the residence for evaluation as evidence. Based on the information that I received, Capt. \_\_\_\_\_ obtained consent to search the residence from \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Nothing further at this time. This report narrated by  
jdw

Case

Added Information 05/28/2008

At 1630 hrs., Tuesday, May 27, 2008, I, Det \_\_\_\_\_

riefed by \_\_\_\_\_

Agent [redacted] on his interview with [redacted] Sr. Special Agent [redacted] told me that [redacted] told him that he was sitting on the couch in the living room when [redacted] left between 0830 hrs. and 0900 hrs. Sr. Special Agent [redacted] said that [redacted] told him he was watching The Deadliest Catch on TV, so Sr. Special Agent [redacted] thought the time may have been later than what [redacted] said. He said [redacted] told him that he saw [redacted] leave with the baby. [redacted] said when she came back he saw her carrying the carrier, but did not actually see the baby.

Sr. Special Agent [redacted] said he asked [redacted] about [redacted] and [redacted] said she's crazy and does not take her medications. He said that [redacted] broke up with one of her boyfriends, because she would not take her medications. [redacted] said that she was bi-polar and had mood swings. Sr. Special Agent [redacted] said he asked [redacted] about [redacted] blacking out. He said [redacted] told him that she almost blacked out or passed out one time, but other than that he was not aware of her blacking out. Sr. Special Agent [redacted] said he asked [redacted] about [redacted] having memory loss and he said that she didn't. Sr. Special Agent [redacted] also asked [redacted] who all lived in the residence at [redacted]. He said [redacted] told him that [redacted] and [redacted] himself all lived in the residence.

Nothing further at this time. This report narrated by  
AMT

Case [redacted] Added Information 06-03-2008  
On June 3, 2008, at approximately 1045 hours I, [redacted] along with  
Receptionist [redacted], went to Prairie View in Newton, KS to pick up [redacted]

date of birth \_\_\_\_\_, reference to warrant \_\_\_\_\_ through the District Court of McPherson, KS, reference to this case.

At approximately 1130 hours, we were back enroute to McPherson to the McPherson County Jail with \_\_\_\_\_ starting mileage 4456.4 and ended at the McPherson County Booking at 4490.0 at approximately 1208 hours. After processing \_\_\_\_\_ was released to the jail.

\_\_\_\_\_ also had some prescription medication and lists of medications that she would need to be taking through Prairie View that were handed over to the jail personnel.

Nothing further at this time. This report narrated by Officer \_\_\_\_\_  
bkk

Case: \_\_\_\_\_ Added Information 07-30-2008

On July 30, 2008 at approximately 0522 hours, I, \_\_\_\_\_ along with Capt. \_\_\_\_\_ EMS personnel, and Fire Department personnel, were dispatched to a suicidal subject by the name of \_\_\_\_\_ that dispatch did not know for sure the address for. Dispatch

was able to obtain the street name [redacted] and I knew that her father lived in the [redacted] block of [redacted]

I arrived at the residence that I knew was [redacted] father,

I arrived at the residence at approximately 0525 hours, along with Capt. [redacted]. We attempted to make contact at the residence at the front door. A female individual, later identified to be [redacted] in which we asked if [redacted] was at the residence. [redacted] did advise that [redacted] was upstairs. I advised [redacted] that we needed to speak with her as she had called in saying that she had taken a bunch of pills. [redacted] did show us the way to the upstairs bedroom where I did find [redacted]: located approximately in the middle of the room, just east of where the bed sits, with her head laying on a child's safety seat/bouncy seat. I attempted to awaken [redacted] as she had apparently past out from taking pills. These pills were later identified as Depakote 500 mg, Ketorolac 10 mg, Bupropion 300 mg, and Kroger pain relief 500 mg. These items were found to the west of the child's bouncy seat. Other medications found on a dresser/shelf that was located on the south wall were Clomazepam .5 mg, Risperdol 2 mg, and Promethazine 25 mg. [redacted] came in and out of being awake as I continued to talk to her and tried to get her to talk to me. Fire Department personnel [redacted] and [redacted] arrived and assisted me and EMS. EMS personnel [redacted]; [redacted] and [redacted] arrived just shortly after Fire Department personnel did and took over with tending to [redacted]. At the residence was [redacted] father, [redacted] and step-mother, [redacted] advised me that just prior to the incident they were all talking in the livingroom downstairs were [redacted] was laughing and seemed to be okay. [redacted] said he was not going to be going to the hospital as he was too sick to be going to the hospital ever time [redacted] does this type of incident. [redacted] advised that [redacted] could call him.

EMS personnel took [redacted] to Memorial Hospital emergency room at approximately 0558 hours. EMS personnel [redacted] advised me that during the transport [redacted] advised them that she took pills because she did not want to cut herself because of the pain. [redacted] was

placed in Memorial Hospital emergency room care and would be seen by [redacted]

Found in the upstairs bedroom on [redacted] bed were three sheets of paper that had notes on them. All three of these notes were placed in the case jacket for this case. A copy of these notes were given to Memorial Hospital emergency room staff for their report. One copy was

placed in case jacke that contained "it's better to go while she's young that way she won't have to meet the person who placed her in a trash can".

At the time of the dictation was still in emergency room care and the disposition still not known for placement fore Officer assisted me with taking the copy of the notes to the emergency room staff and providing the doctor with the protective custody form to be filled out.

It should be noted that initially making contact with she advised that she just wanted to go to sleep and that taking the pills she believed would allow her to do so. It was found out later by EMS staff what her real intentions were.

Follow up would be to follow up with emergency room staff and obtain the signed protective custody form from for this case.

I have nothing further at this time this report narrated by Officer  
jac

Case: Added Information

07-30-

2008

On Wednesday, 7-30-2008, at approximately 1340 hours I Sgt. made contact at Memorial Hospital ER with Nurse eference to this case.

She advised that [redacted] had been sent home by taxi to her father's house. She had been assessed by Prairie View Representative [redacted] who advised that he believed that she was fine and that she only needed to follow up with outpatient treatment. It was [redacted] understanding that she had an appointment already setup for today. All the tests that were run by the hospital returned nothing in [redacted] system. [redacted] said that when they had advised [redacted] she would have to take activated charcoal [redacted] had also said that she had not actually taken anything. [redacted] took the activated charcoal anyway. She was released from the hospital's care at approximately 1130 hours.

Nothing further at this time. This added information narrated by Sgt.

jac