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Kansas Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act

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The Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City supports SB 16. It will be a useful tool for law enforcement and prosecutors in their on-going fight against crime.

The Kansas City Kansas Police Department is having remarkable success in reducing crime through a variety of programs and techniques, but targeting career criminals is certainly an important weapon in that effort.

2012 crime statistics document that KCK has experienced a 6.5% decrease in the overall crime rate from 2011 to 2012. Violent crime is down 8% and the number of murders dropped 18%. The 22 homicides in KCK during 2012 is the lowest number since 1980.

The joint efforts in sharing information both internally and externally, the Crime Strategy Process, and other initiatives in community interaction and problem solving have made a difference in combating violent crime in the community. The KCK Police Department plans to continue efforts to employ new ways to work together with community groups and organizations to keep the city safe.

Passage of SB 16 is a welcome addition to the crime-fighting tools and strategies used by law enforcement in our community.