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Felony Child Abuse-Update

Members of the Kearney Police Department and our allied law enforcement partners continue to work tirelessly to locate and apprehend 24-year-old Jacob Ellingson, wanted for two separate counts of Felony Child Abuse. We are using all available resources to do so. On Monday, September 11, a credible tip and photo was received that Ellingson was in a cornfield north of Riverdale, in Buffalo County. KPD worked together, with the Buffalo County Sheriff's Office and the Nebraska State Patrol, including the Aviation Division from Lincoln, to search an area over four square miles. This thorough search lasted nearly seven hours. Additionally, police UAV drones with high definition and thermal cameras, NSP's helicopter with FLIR cameras, Police K9's, foot patrol, ATV's and mobile vehicle patrol were deployed to search this area. The search continued into the early morning hours of Tuesday, September 12, 2023. Unfortunately, we were unable to locate Ellingson. We greatly appreciate the assistance and teamwork from Buffalo County Sheriff's Office and the Nebraska State Patrol as well as the local residences and farmers who allowed us onto their property to search for this fugitive.

The Kearney Police Department continues to place a high priority on this case and look to the public for assistance in locating Jacob Ellingson. Anyone with information is asked to contact 911 immediately. You may remain anonymous by contacting Kearney/Buffalo County CrimeStoppers, (308) 237-3424. **Tips leading to the arrest of Ellingson are eligible for a monetary reward.**

This is an ongoing investigation; the Kearney Police Department will provide updates as new information becomes available. We have included pictures of Jacob in this release as well as on our social media outlets.

We continue to offer our support and prayers for the children involved and their family during this difficult time.

The Kearney Police Department is working in partnership with the Buffalo County Attorney's Office in this ongoing investigation. Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact the Kearney Police Department (308) 237-2104, Buffalo County CrimeStoppers (308) 237-3424, or through the See It Say It Send It App.



City of Kearney Police Department

September 11, 2023

WANTED

215 E 16th Street #1 Kearney, Ne.

NEVER ATTEMPT TO APPREHEND A FUGITIVE YOURSELF. IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION ON THE LOCATION OF THIS FUGITIVE PLEASE CALL 911 OR THE NUMBER BELOW, 24 HOURS A DAY.

Name: **ELLINGSON, Jacob Ryan**

Aliases: ELLINGSON, JACOB R

DOB: 02/06/1999 Age: 24

Race: WHITE OR C Hair: BLONDE / S

Sex: Male Eyes: BLUE

Height: 5'11 Complexion: FAIR

Weight: 295



Scars/Marks/Tattoos: TATTOO LEFT FOREARM: "DON'T LET YOUR PAST DETERMINE YOUR FUTURE"; TATTOO UPPER RIGHT ARM "STEP UP OR GET STEPPED ON"; SCARS ON CHEST; SCARS UPPER RIGHT SHOULDER 2-3 INCHES

Last known address: 215 E 16TH ST 1 KEARNEY NE 68845

Vehicle: No known vehicles

Reward:

Summary:

Jacob Ellingson is wanted on a warrant for 2 counts of Felony Child Abuse. He may be trying to leave the Kearney area. Please contact Kearney Police Department at 308-237-2104 or 911 if you see him or have any information on where he may be.



IF LOCATED, CONTACT:

KEARNEY POLICE DEPARTMENT, 2025 A Avenue, Kearney, Nebraska 68847 (308) 237-2104
Buffalo County CrimeStoppers (308) 237-3424 or by using the See it, Say it, Send it app.