



## **News Release - Johnson County (Kan.) Sheriff's Office**

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### **Illegal Immigrants Pay for New Inmate Transport Busses**

Olathe, Kan. – Johnson County Sheriff's Office purchased two new inmate transport busses with money paid to the office to house illegal immigrants for the federal government. The busses, from Mid America Coach were specifically designed with inmates in mind and replace two old school busses that were retrofitted to securely transport inmates.

The design of the new busses include such security measures as interior and exterior camera's, the windows are high in the walls so inmates cant see out and passerby's cant see in, the seats are hard plastic, the busses are caged and one even has a restroom facility.

The busses are also a cost reduction measure for the sheriff's office. For long distance inmate transportation prior to these new busses inmates were transported by van. Each van held nine inmates and needed two deputies per van. Each bus requires three deputies to transport up to 36 inmates, requiring up to five less deputies for the transport of the same amount of inmates.

Interviews will be available and the busses will be on display from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 on May 27, 2009 in front of the New Century Adult Detention Center located at 27747 W. 159<sup>th</sup> Street, New Century, KS 66031.

Bus statistics:

Court transport bus holds 36 inmates and requires three deputies to operate.  
Cost \$143,808.00

Farm-out Transport bus with restroom holds 28 inmates and requires three deputies to operate.  
Cost \$144,282.00

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