



## MEDIA RELEASE

### HAMLIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

<b>Incident Code:</b>	Sliver Alert Person from Kansas Located
<b>Date of Call:</b>	January 1st, 2026
<b>Time of Call:</b>	3:59pm
<b>Location:</b>	US Highway 81 near 194th Street
<b>Details:</b>	
<p>LAKE NORDEN, SD - An 86-year-old woman from Wichita, Kansas, who was the subject of a Kansas Silver Alert, was located safely Thursday afternoon in Hamlin County.</p> <p>At approximately 3:59 p.m., a Hamlin County Sheriff's deputy stopped a vehicle for lane driving on U.S. Highway 81, about one mile north of Lake Poinsett. Upon making contact with the driver, the deputy identified the woman as the subject of a Silver Alert issued by the Kansas Bureau of Investigation. Authorities in Kansas confirmed the woman had previously been reported in the St. Joseph, Missouri, area at approximately 11:20 p.m. Wednesday night.</p> <p>As a precaution, the woman was transported by Lake Norden Ambulance to a local hospital for evaluation. Arrangements were made for her to be safely reunited with family members.</p> <p>What Is a Silver Alert?</p> <p>The Kansas Silver Alert program was established by the Kansas Legislature in 2009. According to the Kansas Attorney General Office, the Silver Alert Protocol is designed to respect the dignity, independence, and rights of Kansas seniors, while providing a coordinated response when assistance is needed. The program creates a voluntary process to help locate individuals 65 years of age or older, or individuals suffering from dementia, who are reported missing by family members or caregivers.</p> <p>The protocol coordinates efforts between law enforcement agencies, media outlets, and other organizations to help ensure the safe recovery of missing seniors.</p>	
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