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NEWS RELEASE

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**Sheriff's Office Reminds Motorists Of Laws
Regarding Seatbelt and School Permit Use**

The Perkins County Sheriff's Office would like to remind motorists of the following laws following several recent injury accidents and citizen complaints regarding underage drivers.

Nebraska State Statute 60-6,267 requires that any person in Nebraska who drives any motor vehicle which has or is required to have an occupant protection system to ensure that:

- All children up to six years of age being transported in such vehicle use a child passenger restraint system that meets standards of the Highway Traffic Safety Administration.
- All children six years of age and less than eighteen years of age being transported in such vehicle use an occupant protection system.
- All persons being transported by a motor vehicle operated by a holder of a provisional operator's permit or a school permit shall use such motor vehicle's occupant protection system.

Penalty for violation of Nebraska State Statute 60-6,267 is a \$25.00 fine for each violation.

Nebraska State Statute 60-6,270 states:

- No driver shall operate a motor vehicle upon a highway or street in this state unless the driver and each front-seat occupant in the vehicle are wearing occupant protection systems and all occupant protection systems worn are properly adjusted and fastened.

Penalty for violation of Nebraska State Statute 60-6,270 is a \$25.00 fine for each violation.

Nebraska State Statute 60-480 defines a school permit as:

- A permit issued to a student between fourteen and sixteen years of age **for the purpose of driving to and from school** in accordance with the requirements of section 60-4,124.

Nebraska State Statute 60-4,124 states that:

- A person who is younger than sixteen years of age but is over fourteen years of age may be issued, by the county treasurer, a school permit to drive a motor vehicle, moped or motorcycle **to**

and from where he or she attends school by the nearest highway from his or her place of residence.

- A school permit shall be used **for the sole purpose of transporting such person or any family member who resides with such person to attend school**, except that the holder of the permit may drive under the personal supervision of a licensed operator when the licensed operator is twenty-one years of age and occupies the seat next to such person holding a school permit.

Penalty for violation of Nebraska State Statute 60-4,124 is an infraction and such person shall not be eligible for another operator's license or school, farm or learner's permit until such person reaches the age of sixteen.

The Perkins County Sheriff's Office will enforce and request prosecution by the Perkins County Attorney for violations of these statutes.

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