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### **For Immediate Release**

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### **Update on the search for the missing Schade family from Knox County, Nebraska:**

The Pennington County Sheriff's Office received a report this morning that a brush truck from the Silver City Volunteer Fire Department was stolen from 100 Sherman Street in Silver City, SD sometime between March 31, 2009 and this morning. The description of the stolen truck follows:

**Ford F-350 Pickup**

**White in Color**

**South Dakota License Number FD522**

**Pictures of the actual pickup are attached to this release.**

The Pennington County Sheriff's Office is also following up on at least one other possible burglary that occurred in the Silver City area within the last week. Investigators from the Sheriff's Office, Rapid City Police Department, and the South Dakota Division of Criminal Investigation are continuing to follow-up on these burglaries and more information will be released when available.

The Knox County Sheriff's Office confirmed that Matthew Schade made telephone contact with his father this afternoon. The father confirmed he spoke with Matthew and the rest of the family on the telephone and stated they were doing well and were well prepared to wait out the next storm coming through the Black Hills. Matthew stated they wanted to be left alone and that everyone was doing well.

As a result of this new information, the ground search crews have scaled down the search operations until the situation can be further assessed.

The Pennington County Sheriff's Office is not able to confirm at this time whether or not the burglaries or the stolen vehicle are related to the search for the Schade family.

Authorities urge anyone having any information about the Schade family or the stolen Ford brush truck to call the Pennington County Sheriff's Office at (605) 394-2151 immediately.

Further information will be sent out when it becomes available.

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