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Mr. Payroll Robber Arrested

On July 6, 2009, at about 2:00 p.m., Cesar Martinez-Sanchez was arrested in Kansas City, Kansas. The arrest was made without incident. Martinez-Sanchez' brother, Fausto Martinez-Sanchez, was also arrested on unrelated charges.

The arrests were made as a result of tips called in to both the Liberal Police Department and the Overland Park (Kansas) Police Department. Martinez-Sanchez will be transported back to Liberal soon to face charges of aggravated robbery, aggravated assault, identity theft, and theft.

On June 15, 2009, a warrant had been issued in connection with the June 5, 2009, robbery at National Beef. Cesar Martinez-Sanchez, 30 H/M, a.k.a. Julio Villanueva, was identified as the suspect being sought in connection with the robbery.

On June 5, 2009 at about 9:56 a.m., officers from the Liberal Police Department were summoned to National Beef, 1501 E. 8th, for a report of an armed robbery. Officers from the Liberal Police Department, Seward County Sheriff's Department and Kansas Highway Patrol quickly set up a perimeter around the plant. A police K9 was summoned to assist with a track of the suspect.

The suspect was described by witnesses as a Hispanic male dressed in black, standing about 5 feet 7 inches tall, with an average build. Witnesses believed he was armed with a weapon. The suspect demanded and received an undisclosed amount of cash before fleeing the area. No injuries were reported.

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