

Two accused in Falls City vehicle thefts

(KLZA)--Two Kansas men are accused in separate automobile thefts in Falls City.

Assistant Police Chief Jamie Baker cited 26-year-old Avery E. Steward of Hiawatha on Monday for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Steward, who was in jail in St. Joseph, Missouri on unrelated charges when cited, is accused of stealing a 2002 Nissan owned by Dillon Lottter from 20th and McLean Street in Falls City on Sunday. The vehicle was recovered in St. Joseph.

On Wednesday, a 1983 Ford pickup owned by Richard Lemerond was reported stolen from the 1000 block of Chase Street.

The pickup was recovered in the 2100 block of Harlan Street about 45 minutes after the pickup was reported stolen.

34-year-old John A. Johnston of Topeka, Kansas was arrested for theft of the vehicle.

Baker noted the cooperation of the public for their help in this case.

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