

Sheriff reports increase in traffic sign thefts

(KNZA)--Brown County Sheriff John Merchant is reporting an increase in the theft of traffic signs lately, especially in the western part of the county.

He said the Sheriff's Office has taken reports of speed limit signs, stop signs, country road signs, and weight limit bridge signs being stolen.

Merchant cautions those who are stealing signs that they can be charged with a felony should the removal of the signs cause death or great bodily harm to an individual.

He is urging parents to check their kids rooms, barns and garages, as this is where most of the signs usually end up.

At the current time, Merchant is asking anyone with a stolen sign or signs, to return them ASAP to the county barn at 307 West Front Street in Fairview.

"If you have a family member in need of an ambulance or emergency medical care and the crossroad signs are removed, this would place a victim in serious risk and I am sure no one would want that. If a stop sign is removed and causes an accident, you would also be responsible, so do the right thing and return these signs."

If you have any information about the thefts, you can call the Sheriff's Office at (785) 742-7125.

Many Signals Communications