

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.**

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