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## SHERIFF'S OFFICE NOW HAS PRESCRIPTION DRUG DROP BOX

The Sioux County Sheriff's Office announces it now has a prescription drop off box. The drop box, called *MedReturn*, is located in our public lobby which is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. There is also a special "Prescription Drug Take Back Day" designated for reminding people of the importance of cleaning out any unwanted prescription drugs and safely disposing of them; that will take place on Saturday, April 28.

### Items that are accepted are:

- Prescriptions
- Prescription medications
- Prescription patches
- Prescription ointments
- Over-the-counter medications
- Vitamins
- Samples
- Medications for pets

### Items that are not accepted are:

- Thermometers
- Hydrogen Peroxide
- Inhalers
- Medications from businesses or clinics
- Aerosol cans
- Needles (Sharps)

Capt. Jamie Van Voorst said, "The purpose of our prescription drug drop box is to provide people with a 24-hour location where they can deposit unwanted and outdated prescription drugs which will keep them out of the hands of children who could find and ingest them. Another important reason is that it will help keep these drugs out of our water supply which becomes contaminated when people flush these into sewer systems."

The Sheriff's Office partnered with Cheryl Buntsma to obtain the drop box. Buntsma is a Certified Prevention Specialist at Compass Pointe Behavioral Health Services of Sioux and Lyon Counties, which specializes in Healthcare, Health Services and Mental Wellness Therapy.

