to keep drivers and

safe or comfortable,

drivers need to be

aware that it can

also increase the

potential for a crash

if adjusted during

driving," remind-

ed AAA's Steward.

"Even if drivers

wait to interact with

tech while parked

or stopped at a red

light, their mind is

still not fully fo-

cused on their driv-

ing for nearly a half

minute afterward.

puts all road users at

AAA encourag-

driving, not only

during Distracted

Driving Month, but

all year long by fol-

resist the tempta-

tion to look at your

screen, place your

cell phone in your

trunk or elsewhere

out of sight. Acti-

vate the "Do not

disturb" setting on

or use an app that

tells callers you are

driving and will text

or call back once

you've reached your

before heading out.

If you plan to use a

navigation system,

destination.

head out.

your

smartphone

lowing these tips:

Stay Engaged

risk."

passengers

Pull over first. If

you must call or text

while on the road or

re-enter navigation,

pull over to a safe

location and park

your vehicle before

doing so. Be aware

of the "hangover ef-

fect" when heading

Ask passengers

for help. If some-

one is riding with

you, seek their help

to navigate, make a

call or send a text

passenger. Speak up

vehicle texts or is

otherwise distract-

Don't be a dis-

traction as a pas-

senger. If you are an

occupant, avoid dis-

tracting the driver.

Instead, assist with

navigation, climate

ed. Avoid calling or

texting others when

you know they are

also have a role.

Just as drivers need

to pay attention, so

do pedestrians and

bicyclists. Don't al-

low headphones and

music to divert your

attention or affect

your ability to hear

approaching traffic.

Do not call, text or

phone while walk-

For more infor-

ing or biking.

aaa.com.

Other road users

infotainment

while you drive. Be a safe-minded

This hangover effect if the driver of your

or

driving.

Put the phone controls when need-

back into traffic.

AAA Urges Drivers to Engage in Driving, Disengage from Subscribe Now! **Distractions**

WICHITA, Kan. drivers (93%) rec- activity that diverts technology is meant - April 1, 2025 - It ognize the dangers attention away from takes only an in- of texting, emailing, stant, but the im- and reading while pact can be life- driving. long. Each year, this, many drivers thousands lose their reported sending a of the two. Mental lives on America's text/email (27%), roadways because a reading a text/email driver is distracted (37%), or holding physical or emofrom driving. May- and talking on a be it was a text, a phone (36%) while call, their vehicle's driving in the past controls even a bite 30 days. of a hamburger but the results proved Problem

deadly. tional Distracted Driving Awareness Month and AAA is taking the opportunity to remind drivers to avoid distractions and stav engaged with their driving.

National Highway Adminis-Traffic tration (NHTSA), more than 3,000 people lose their lives and nearly 300,000 are injured every year due to a driver becoming age, about 9 lives distracted. It may be are lost every day the driver themself, due to distracted their occupants or driving. Although others on the roadway - including can be found in all bicyclists and pedestrians — whose drivers age 15 to lives are taken or 44 are particularforever changed due ly overrepresented, to a few seconds of making up 55% of

inattention. According Kansas Department distracted drivers (KDOT) 2023 crash crashes. statistics, inattenmobile phones or killed and an addiother electronic de- tional 289,310 peovices were noted as ple injured in moa contributing cir- tor vehicle crashes cumstance in more involving distractthan 14,500 crashes, ed drivers. Eight accounting for more percent of all fatal than 26% of total crashes, 12 percent crashes. These num- of injury crashes bers likely under- and 11 percent of state the problem, all police-reported as it can be difficult motor vehicle traffic to identify or prove crashes were reportdistraction as a con- ed as distraction-aftributing factor to a fected.

driving crashes have users at risk as well, a significant impact, in addition to drivers as well. From 2018 and vehicle passenthrough 2023, ac- gers. In 2022, there cording to KDOT, were 621 non-occudistracted driving pants — pedestricrashes in Kansas resulted in nearly 5,300 injuries, more than 100 fatalities and more than 8,200 tionwide, according instances of proper- to NHTSA data. ty damage only.

"Multi-tasking tions behind the wheel continues to be far too commonplace on our roadways, with many motordownplaying the potential impacts," said Shawn Steward, public and government affairs or reading a text manager, AAA Kansas. "But the reality is that distracted drivers recognize that's the equivalent the dangers yet selfishly put themselves and others at risk. field at 55 mph with Behind every statistic is a real person. AAA's A few moments of pointed out. inattentiveness can change lives forev- a smartphone has

ty found that most can result from any

An Underreported Distracted driv-

April marks Na- ing is likely an even greater problem than statistics might suggest. Because of the challenges for law enforcement in determining if distracted driving was the primary factor in a traffic incident, the According to the number of crashes, injuries and fatalities caused by distraction is believed to be significantly underreported.

NHTSA distracted driving statistics show that on averdistracted drivers age groups, those all drivers on the to road but 60% of all Transportation involved in fatal

In 2022, there distractions, were 3,308 people

Distracted driv-Those distracted ing puts other road ans, bicyclists and others — killed in distraction-affected traffic crashes na-

Types of Distrac-

About 12% of distraction-related crashes every year involve confirmed use of a cellphone or other electronic device, according to NHTSA data.

"While sending takes your eyes off the road for only about 5 seconds, of driving the length of an entire football your eyes closed," Steward

But while use of resulted in more A report by the than one fatality AAA Foundation per day on average, for Traffic Safe- distracted driving

driving.

Distractions can Despite be mental, physical or a combination distraction can also include fatigue and conditions tional that take the driver's attention away from the task of safe driving. The three main forms of distraction behind the wheel include the driver removing:

> Their eyes from the road. Their hands from

the wheel.

Their minds from the task of driving.

In addition to tex- es all motorists to ting and talking on a eliminate distracted mobile device, other common driving distractions include eating and drinking, smoking, passenger interaction, distractions outside away. If you can't the vehicle, a moving object within the vehicle, adjusting in-vehicle climate infotainment controls, applying makeup or simply 'daydreaming' behind the wheel.

"Many drivers are less aware of the dangers of these other distractions," Steward said. "Even if you put your cell phone away while behind the wheel, you could still be engaging in other activities that distract you from the nation before you tracted Driving on roadway without realizing the risk."

Distractions Have "Hangover" Effect

In addition to underestimating the risk of a moment's distraction, many drivers remain unaware of the "hangover" effect caused by technology inter-

action. The AAA Foundation for Traffic partnered Safety researchers with from the University of Utah to test the visual and cognitive demand created by vehicle infotainment systems. They found that while only 2 seconds of distraction bles the crash risk, it takes a driver 40 seconds to program navigation using in-vehicle technology. Traveling at just 25 mph, a driver can travel the length of about four football fields during the time it takes to enter a destination in navigation.

But even more striking was that the study found it can take up to 27 seconds for the impairing effects of mental distraction to subside once a driver stops interacting with technology in the vehicle. This "inattentive blindness" means that while a driver may have their eyes on

the road, their mind

is still elsewhere.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MORTON COUNTY, KANSAS CIVIL DEPARTMENT

Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC) Case No.MT-2024-CV-000014
Plaintiff,) Court No.
vs.) Title to Real Estate Involved
Leonel Nolasco, et al.	Pursuant to K.S.A. §60
Defendants,))

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued to me by the Clerk of the District Court of Morton County, Kansas, the undersigned Sheriff of Morton County, Kansas, will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand at the of the Morton County, Courthouse, Kansas, on April 28, 2025 at the time of 10:00 AM, the following real estate:

LOT THREE (3), BLOCK (6), DAVOLT SECOND ADDITION TO THE CITY OF ELKHART, MORTON COUNTY, KANSAS, ACCORDING TO THE RE-CORDED PLAT THEREOF., Parcel ID No. 065-244-17-0-40-14-002.00-0-00. Commonly known as 516 Hilltop St., Elkhart, KS 67950 ("the Property") MS220101

to satisfy the judgment in the above-entitled case. The sale is to be made without appraise ment and subject to the redemption period as provided by law, and further subject to the approval of the Court.

Morton County Sheriff

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Fund Name	Previous Balance	Receipts	Expenditures	Balance
General Operating	\$735,158.07	\$1,181,373.14	\$1,012,016.05	\$904,515.16
Employee Benefits	\$2,515.14	\$127,783.38	\$76,130.76	\$54,167.76
Elkhart Animal Foundation	\$3,657.69	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,657.69
Water Fund	\$213,989.57	\$67,393.97	\$141,641.16	\$139,742.38
Water Equipment Reserve	\$171,811.33	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	\$179,311.33
Customer Deposits	\$107,307.56	\$1,348.47	\$1,750.00	\$106,906.03
Sanitation Fund	\$105,776.05	\$59,125.83	\$57,580.84	\$107,321.04
Sanitation Reserve	\$26,158.25	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	\$33,658.25
Sewer Fund	\$37,854.84	\$38,894.43	\$40,407.34	\$36,341.93
Sewer Reserve Fund	\$22,886.95	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$24,386.95
Special Highways	\$118,470.35	\$12,049.62	\$0.00	\$130,519.97
Special Fire	\$182,180.66	\$13,978.91	\$0.00	\$196,159.57
Special Parks	\$6,325.50	\$606.63	\$0.00	\$6,932.13
City Bond & Interest	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sales Tax Revenue Fund	\$949,153.09	\$57,908.83	\$22,700.00	\$984,361.92
Whistle Stop Park	\$9,239.34	\$205.00	\$324.08	\$9,120.26
Safe Park Equipment Fund	\$4,495.49	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,495.49
Municipalities Fight Addiction	\$12,767.31	\$261.00	\$0.00	\$13,028.31
Court Diversion Fund	\$1,156.27	\$950.00	\$0.00	\$2,106.27
2020 Water Project	-\$5,899.24	\$0.00	\$9,880.43	-\$15,779.67
Forfeitures	\$6,063.37	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,063.37
2023 WTR Baca Project	-\$13,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$13,500.00
Fireworks	\$690.67	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$690.67
Clearing Fund		\$234,311.09	\$234,311.09	
Total	\$2,600,350,36	£1 012 COO 20	#1 FOC 745 75	62 014 222 24
Total I do solemnly swear that the above sta	\$2,698,258.26	\$1,812,690.30	\$1,596,741.75	\$2,914,206.81

I do solemnly swear that the above statement is complete, true and rect to the best of my knowledge and belief, so help me God.



Subscribed and sworn to before me this haday of April My commission expires: 5/13/2028 Johnson Illisa NOTARY PUBLIC, State of Kansas MELLISA JOHNSON My Appt. Exp. <u>05.13</u>.