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## **DIGITAL CHILD SAFETY KITS AVAILABLE MARCH 21**

The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office and Beach Community Bank will hold a SafeAssured event Saturday, March 21 from 9 a.m. until noon at the bank's Mary Esther office at 412 Mary Esther Cutoff, at the corner of Mary Esther Cutoff and Wright Parkway.

The SafeAssured Digital ID Kits allow parents and guardians to put a child's identifying information and video on a mini-CD that is maintained by the family. The mini-CD will include a high quality digital photo, digital video showing mannerisms and gait, a full set of digital fingerprints, and a digital voice file, along with general personal information.

Appointments for the event on March 21 are now being accepted for children ages five and up. To schedule an appointment, please contact Jennifer Tallman with Beach Community Bank at (850) 244-9900 ext 255 or jennifert@beachcommunitybank.com.

The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office is the first law enforcement agency in our region to offer the SafeAssured Digital ID Kits. Having digital information ready for quick dissemination is critical to any effort to find a missing child. Beach Community Bank sponsored the first wave of SafeAssured ID kits with a \$10,000 donation. Because of the bank's sponsorship, the SafeAssured ID kits are prepared at no cost to families receiving the kits.

Future events will be announced through the media and published on the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office Website, <a href="www.sheriff-okaloosa.org">www.sheriff-okaloosa.org</a> under the Crime Prevention section.

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