

IT HAS BEEN ROUGHLY A MONTH SINCE A SHOOTING INTERRUPTED A RALLY IN KANSAS CITY CELEBRATING THE CHIEFS' SUPER BOWL VICTORY. WHILE THIS IS STILL IN RECENT MEMORY, MANY STILL WENT OUT FOR THE CITY'S ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE. ERIN GARBERT OF THE PARADE COMMITTEE SAID THAT THE CROWD WAS NOT AS BIG THIS YEAR, BUT THEY WEREN'T SURE IF THAT WAS BECAUSE OF THE SHOOTING OR IF THE COLD, BRISK WEATHER KEPT PEOPLE INDOORS. AFTER LAST MONTH'S SHOOTING, THE ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE COMMITTEE AND OTHER BIG PARADE PLANNERS CAME TOGETHER TO MAKE EMERGENCY PLANS TO ENSURE THERE WOULD NOT BE A REPEAT OF THE EVENTS ON FEBRUARY 14TH. POLICE SPOKESWOMAN ALAYNA GONZALEZ SAID THAT THERE WERE 400 OFFICERS ON SCENE FOR THE ST. PATRICK'S DAY FESTIVITIES. SOME LINED THE ROUTE, WHILE OTHERS WERE PLAIN CLOTHED, AND THERE WAS EVEN A POLICE HELICOPTER ON PATROL ABOVE THE PARADE. GARBERT UNDERSTOOD WHY PEOPLE

MAY HAVE BEEN HESITANT TO ATTEND THIS YEAR'S
CELEBRATION, BUT THOSE IN ATTENDANCE HAD A GOOD
TIME. SHE SAID QUOTE IT WAS NICE TO HAVE SOME
NORMALCY AND FEEL GOOD, AND ENJOY ST. PATRICK'S DAY,
END QUOTE.