

Hiawatha Woman Facing Child Sex Charges

(KNZA)--A Hiawatha woman already facing charges in connection with a case involving a group of young runaways is now also facing child sex charges in a separate case.

21-year-old Jaimie Wardrup was charged last week in Brown County District Court with aggravated indecent liberties with a child and criminal sodomy.

According to the criminal complaint, the felony charges involve a child born in 2000 and follows an investigation by the Hiawatha Police Department.

In the other case, Wardrup faces charges of aggravated interference with parental custody, felony theft and contributing to a child's misconduct in the other case.

She was arrested April 26th in Arkansas with three teenage runaways from the Hiawatha area who disappeared the day before. Authorities say Wardrup was driving a 1998 Ford F150 pickup truck that had allegedly been stolen from Hiawatha. The three teens were taken into custody and released to their parents and/or guardians.

Wardrup was extradited back to Brown County earlier this month to face charges.

She remains in the Brown County Jail on a combined bond of \$75,000 in both cases.

A preliminary hearing in the two cases is set for Wednesday.

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