

Accused Teacher Appears In Court

(KAIR)--The longtime Atchison educator accused of child-related sex crimes will be back in court next week.

That follows an appearance Monday by Robert Bulk in Atchison County District Court.

The 39-year-old was arrested Friday afternoon on charges of electronic solicitation of a child and sexual exploitation of a child.

Bulk, on Monday, stated in court that he has not yet hired an attorney, but plans to do so. The case was continued until the afternoon of July 18th.

According to Atchison Police, the alleged crimes, involving a male child under the age of 16, occurred between March and June.

Bulk has been placed on administrative leave from his duties with Atchison's USD 409, pending what Superintendent Dr. Susan Myers calls the resolution of the case and further board action. He has worked for the district for 17 years.

Bulk has additionally been asked to step down from his position as the Co-Chair of the Atchison County Democratic Party.

The Kansas Democratic Party on Sunday issued a statement saying that Bulk has been asked to immediately resign from that role and to turn over his responsibilities to his Co-Chair until the matter is resolved in court.

Along with the felony charges, Bulk was also arrested on misdemeanor charges for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

Bulk remains in the Atchison County Jail, held on a bond of \$100,000.

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