

Sex Crimes, Runaways, Case Placed on Hold

(KNZA)--The arraignment for a Hiawatha woman facing charges in two separate cases has been pushed back.

That came Monday after the court-appointed attorney for 21-year-old Jaimie Wardrup requested a continuance so his client could explore plea options.

A new arraignment date was set for August 3rd.

In one case, Wardrup faces charges of aggravated indecent liberties with a child and criminal sodomy involving a child born in 2000.

In the other case, she is charged with aggravated interference with parental custody, felony theft and contributing to a child's misconduct.

Wardrup was arrested April 26th in Arkansas with three teenage runaways from the Hiawatha area who disappeared the day before. Authorities say she was driving a pickup truck that had allegedly been stolen from Hiawatha.

The child sex charges were filed following an investigation by the Hiawatha Police Department and after she was extradited to Kansas.

Wardrup remains in the Brown County Jail on a total bond of \$60,000 in both cases after a request by her attorney for a bond modification was granted. she had been held on a total bond of \$75,000.

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