Prison Sentence in Local Child Sex Case

(KNZA)--A Hiawatha woman has been sentenced to 4 years in prison on a pair of child sex-related charges.

Brown County Attorney Kevin Hill says 22-year-old Jaimie Wardrup was sentenced Monday in Brown County District Court on one count each of aggravated indecent liberties with a child and criminal sodomy involving a child born in 2000.

Hill said he asked the court to sentence Wardrup to a total of 125 months in prison on the charges while her court-appointed attorney, Andy Delaney, requested probation.

The court denied probation and sentenced Wardrup to 48 months in prison with lifetime registration as a sex offender.

In a separate case, Hill says Wardrup pleaded "no contest" to felony charge of aggravated interference with parental custody and a misdemeanor charge of contributing to a child's misconduct.

In exchange for the plea, a charge of felony theft was dismissed.

Sentencing was set for November 7th.

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.

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