

Trial Cancelled Due to Plea

**(KNZA)--A Hiawatha woman facing drug charges has entered into a plea agreement, cancelling a jury trial that had been set in the case for next month.**

**44-year-old Beth Mikita pleaded no contest this week in Brown County District Court to charges of possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor theft.**

**In exchange for the plea, two additional drug charges were dismissed.**

**In January, Mikita and 26-year-old Kalan Pyle, of Atchison, were arrested in the Hiawatha Wal-Mart parking lot after the Brown County's Sheriff's Department's K-9, Ari, alerted on their vehicle.**

**Pyle pleaded no contest in April to a felony count of possession of methamphetamine, and his sentencing was continued this week to June 26th.**

**Last June, Mikita was placed on one-year supervised probation and ordered to pay more than \$8,000 restitution after being convicted of embezzling funds from the Hiawatha Chamber of Commerce while serving as Chamber treasurer between August 2014 and April 2015.**

**As part of the plea agreement in the drug case, Brown County Attorney Kevin Hill says Mikita has agreed not to contest a request for her probation to be revoked in the embezzlement case and to serve the original sentence of 16 months in prison.**

**She is scheduled to be sentenced June 26th.**

**Mikita remains in the Brown County Jail.**