

Former Hiawatha Teacher Faces Sex Charge

**(KNZA)--A former Hiawatha High School teacher has been arrested, accused of having unlawful sexual relations with a student.**

**Brown County Attorney Kevin Hill says 24-year-old Gabrielle Bauman, of Fairview, was arrested Tuesday on one felony count of unlawful sexual relations.**

**Hill says the arrest followed an investigation by the Hiawatha Police Department after a report was made to USD 415 administration in mid-June of this year.**

**He says their investigation included the execution of a search warrant and forensic review of several electronic devices by the Hiawatha Police Department's Digital Forensics Unit and the Heart of America Regional Computer Forensic Lab in Kansas City.**

**According to the criminal complaint, Bauman is accused of unlawfully engaging in consensual sexual intercourse or lewd fondling or touching of a student born in 1999.**

**The criminal complaint alleges conduct covering a time-period from October 2016 through May 21, 2017, during which time Bauman was employed as a science teacher at Hiawatha High School.**

**The USD 415 Board of Education accepted her resignation during their July board meeting. She had taught at the high school for a year.**

**Bauman is currently free on a \$5,000 surety bond.**

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