

2nd Suspect Enters Plea in Hiawatha Drug Case

(KNZA)--The second of three Hiawatha residents charged in connection with a drug bust in March has pleaded no contest to charges.

Ashley Rhyne entered the plea this week in Brown County District Court to charges of possession of methamphetamine and possession of marijuana. In exchange for the plea, a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia was dismissed.

Sentencing was set for November 27th.

Thelma Losson pleaded no contest in August to the same charges as part of a plea agreement and is scheduled to be sentenced October 2nd.

Arraignment for the third defendant, Adam Kloss, was postponed earlier this month to October 2nd.

Kloss faces charges of possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute within 1,000 feet of a school, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana.

The trio were arrested in March after the Hiawatha Police Department with the assistance of the Kansas Highway Patrol's special response team executed a search warrant at a residence located at 518 Kansas Avenue following an investigation.