Five Charged in Cemetery Vandalism

(KMZA)--Five individuals have been charged in connection with the vandalism of a historic Marshall County cemetery last month.

20-year-old Jacob Gundelfinger of Marysville, 18-year-old Jamison Beckmann of Bremen, 17-year-old Andrew Wichman of Seneca, 16-year-old Darrin Blocker of Seneca and 15-year-old James Gordon of Marysville have each been charged with criminal desecration and criminal damage to property, both felonies.

The five are accused of vandalizing the Pecenka Cemetery southwest of Bremen twice September 7th through the 10th.

Marshall County Sheriff Dan Hargrave says more than 30 tombstones were damaged or destroyed. Damage was estimated at around \$90,000.

The small rural cemetery was established by several Bohemian and Czech families in the 19th century and is still in use today.

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