Second home invasion suspect enters plea

(KNZA)--The second of two Sabetha residents charged in connection with a Hiawatha home invasion and robbery in May has pleaded no contest to charges.

Brown County Attorney Kevin Hill says 21-year-old Edgar Martinez entered the plea Tuesday in Brown County District Court to felony charges of aggravated robbery, aggravated burglary and aggravated battery.

In exchange for the plea, a misdemeanor charge of criminal restraint was dismissed.

Sentencing was set for November 6th.

Following his plea, Hill says Martinez bond was revoked and he was remanded to the Brown County Jail.

Co-defendant, 23-year-old Jazmene Hicks, recently pleaded no contest to amended felony charges of robbery, burglary and aggravated battery along with a misdemeanor charge of criminal restraint, canceling a jury trial that had been set for this week.

Hicks is also scheduled to be sentenced November 6th.

Authorities say the pair broke into the home at 121 Apache Street, in Hiawatha, on May 16th. The occupant, Ray Atlakson, told police he was battered and robbed, with his hands bound behind his back before the suspects fled the scene.

Taken were a pair of car keys, billfold and a RCA tablet.

Atlakson was treated for injuries at the Hiawatha Community Hospital.

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