

Drugs, guns, and ammo seized in fugitive search

■ From left to right: Brandon Kopf, Melissa Pospisil, Cody Rhyne, and Whitney Cooper

(KNZA)--Firearms, ammunition, and methamphetamine are among the items authorities say were seized from a Hiawatha residence following the execution of a search warrant.

According to a press release issued by Hiawatha Police Chief John Defore, the case began with a request for assistance from his office by the U.S. Marshal's service in apprehending a fugitive.

Responding to a residence at 911 Iowa Street Wednesday afternoon, the two agencies successfully located the fugitive, identified as 33-year-old Brandon Kopf, who was wanted on a State of Nebraska warrant related to being a felon in possession of firearms.

Kopf was taken into custody at the residence, as was 39-year-old Teena Holcomb, who was wanted on a felony Buchanan County, Missouri warrant.

A search warrant was then obtained, leading to the seizure of what the press release identifies as 20 firearms, 2,000 rounds of ammunition, methamphetamine, marijuana, and drug paraphernalia.

The seizure led to the arrest of three others at the residence, identified as Hiawatha residents 29-year-old Cody Rhyne, Whitney Cooper, and 32-year-old Melissa Pospisil.

All three were taken into custody on charges of possession of illegal narcotics, possession of firearms, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

According to a report from the Brown County Jail, all five remain in custody.