

Child's murder brings new charges

(KNZA)---A Hiawatha woman has been charged in connection with a 2013 Brown County murder case.

34-year-old Janelle Hall (also known as Janelle King) is facing a felony count of interference with law enforcement stemming from the investigation into the beating death of a 4-year-old Mekhi Boone in March 2013.

According to the criminal complaint, Hall is alleged to have provided false information concerning the whereabouts Janice Summerford, knowing that it would impede the investigation.

Summerford was the live-in girlfriend of the child's father, Lee Davis IV.

Davis was sentenced in June 2013 to nearly 20-years in prison on charges of second-degree murder and felony child abuse.

Summerford was sentenced in September 2014 to a total of 124 months in prison on charges of second-degree murder, felony child abuse and interference with a law enforcement officer.

A preliminary hearing for Hall, who was charged in February, was continued Wednesday to May 9th.

She is currently free on an O.R. bond.