

Local child sex suspect to undergo mental exam

**(KNZA)--A Hiawatha woman facing a pair of child sex charges will undergo a competency evaluation.**

**A judge last week granted a motion filed by the attorney for 19-year-old Teaini Simmons for the evaluation, which is to be conducted by KANZA Mental Health.**

**A preliminary hearing, which had been set for this week, has been placed on hold pending the outcome of the mental evaluation.**

**Simmons faces charges of rape and aggravated indecent liberties with a child.**

**She was arrested May 15 following an investigation by the Hiawatha Police Department.**

**The investigation was launched after the department received a report from a concerned citizen that Simmons was romantically involved with a child under the age of 14.**

**She remains in the Brown County Jail, held on a \$100,000 bond.**

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