Hiawatha man facing multiple charges

(KNZA)--A Hiawatha man is facing multiple charges in three separate cases.

Brown County Sheriff John Merchant, in a news release, said 30-year-old Tobey Barnhart, Jr. was arrested August 8 by the Sheriff's Office and Hiawatha Police Department on a warrant for a felony weapons charge.

Merchant said an investigation by the Sheriff's Office has been ongoing, and additional charges have been filed by the Brown County Attorney's Office who assisted law enforcement with the preparation of numerous search warrants that were executed over the last week.

In a criminal complaint filed Thursday, Barnhart was charged with a felony count of criminal possession of a firearm, two counts of possession of a firearm, two counts of burglary, two counts of conspiracy to commit burglary, and two counts of felony theft.

According to the criminal complaint, Barnhart is charged in connection with the burglary of a residence at 2242 Nighthawk Road and burglary of shop located at 2572 Linden Road.

Stolen were multiple firearms, a chainsaw, television, power washer, wildlife cameras, ammunition, crossbow and other items.

Barnhart also faces charges of possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug parahernalia and misdemeanor theft in a case filed August 12.

In addition, he faces a charge of criminal possession of a firearm in a case filed August 6.

A preliminary hearing is tentatively set for Wednesday, August 21 in all three cases.

Barnhart remains in the Brown County Jail, held on a total bond of \$185,000 in the three cases.