

Former Hiawatha man arrested on sexual exploitation charges
(KNZA)--A former Hiawatha man has been arrested on sexual exploitation charges.

Brown County Attorney Kevin Hill said 24-year-old Kekoa Fujimori was arrested Tuesday night by police in Juneau, Alaska on a Brown County warrant for three felony counts of sexual exploitation of a Child.

In late May, Hill said the Hiawatha Police Department received information pertaining to an electronically facilitated crime in Hiawatha. An inquisition was opened by the Brown County Attorney's Office and numerous subpoenas for information and documents were submitted to mobile and internet providers with the assistance of Hiawatha Police.

A search warrant was obtained for digital evidence, and on June 13, the Hiawatha Police officers, with the assistance of Brown County Sheriff deputies, served a search warrant at a Hiawatha residence.

Hill said officers with Kansas Highway Patrol and the U.S. Secret Service assisted the mobile forensics unit of the Hiawatha Police Department in analyzing a large amount of digital evidence seized in the search warrant.

Following their analysis, a criminal complaint was filed in Brown County District Court charging Fujimori.

He was previously employed by Brown County Special Education Interlocal #615, working at the Hiawatha Elementary School as a special education paraprofessional. However, Hill said law enforcement officials indicate that their investigation has not revealed any students being the victim of any charged offenses at this time.

Currently, Hill said Fujimori is contesting extradition back to Kansas and the Brown County Attorney's Office has begun the process for extraditing him.

He is currently being held on a \$100,000 bond at Lemon Creek Correctional Center in Alaska.

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