

Atchison man sentenced for involuntary manslaughter

(KNZA)--An Atchison man convicted of involuntary manslaughter in the beating death of a Cummings man in 2019 has been sentenced to more than 2 ½ years in prison.

25-year-old Brian Spilman, Jr., recently learned his fate in Doniphan County District Court.

His 32-month prison sentence is to be followed by 24-months post-release supervision.

A Doniphan County jury found Spilman guilty of the felony offense in September. He had been charged with second-degree murder.

Spilman was among three Atchison men charged in the death of 42-year-old Jason Pantle.

Authorities allege the trio engaged in altercations with Pantle during a September 22, 2019 party in southern Doniphan County. Pantle died later at a Kansas City Hospital after suffering what investigators called serious head injuries.

Scott Vandeloo pleaded no-contest in October to a charge of involuntary manslaughter and scheduled to be sentenced December 8.

A jury trial for the third defendant, Matthew “ Cole” Scherer, is scheduled to begin March 28, 2022.

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