

Four arrested in Everest on drug charges

(KNZA)--A welfare check in the city of Everest leads to the arrest of four Brown County residents on drug charges.

According to a release from Brown County Sheriff John Merchant, dispatchers received a call last Friday afternoon for a welfare check at 337 South 4th Street, in Everest.

Upon arrival at the residence, a deputy recognized an individual in the yard who had active warrants.

The deputy made contact with 38-year-old Brent Rezabek, of Hiawatha, who had four outstanding Brown County warrants. Rezabek was also arrested for possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

After the arrest of Rezabek, Merchant said deputies made contact at the residence and determined that probable cause existed for application of a search warrant. With assistance from the Brown County attorney, a search warrant was obtained.

The Sheriff's Office Drug Task Force served the search warrant. During the search, needles, syringes, meth, marijuana, grinders and pipes were seized. Following the search, three additional individuals were arrested.

37-year-old Crystal Duvall, of Everest, were arrested on charges of possession of meth, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana and 3 counts of child endangerment.

37-year-old Laura Barnhart, of Everest was arrested on charges of possession of meth, possession of drug paraphernalia and 3 counts of child endangerment.

In addition, 50-year-old Michael Ballman, of Horton was arrested on charges of possession of meth, possession of drug paraphernalia and three counts of child endangerment.

Merchant said three juveniles were placed in police protective custody.

Duvall, Barnhart and Ballman were all released from the Brown County Jail Sunday on OR bonds, while Rezabek remains in custody.

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