Teens Enter Plea in School Vandalism Case

(KMZA)--Three Sabetha teens charged in connection with the burglary and vandalism of the Sabetha High School in April have entered into a plea agreement.

Nemaha County Attorney Brad Lippert says 18-year-old Marcus Jackman, 19-year-old Grant Meyer and 18-year-old Seth Harrell each pleaded no contest Wednesday to charges of theft and felony criminal damage to property.

In exchange for the plea, charges of burglary and consumption of alcohol by a minor were dismissed.

Harrell, who is being prosecuted as a juvenile, was adjudicated to be a juvenile offender for the commission of both offenses and is to be sentenced November 1st.

Lippert says Meyer and Jackman were sentenced to 12 months in jail on the theft charge and to 6 months in jail on the criminal damage to property charge, of which they must each serve 10 days. He said the remainder of their sentences were suspended, and both placed on supervised probation for 24 months. As a condition of their probation, both must refrain from entering property owned by USD 113 for the duration of their probation.

Lippert says the court will consider the amount of restitution and the imposition of community service work on November 1st.

Authorities say the teens broke into the Sabetha High School over the Easter weekend where they spray painted and used markers to write several racist, hate-based, vulgar messages. In addition, authorities say the trio damaged and stole candy from a vending machine during the break-in.

Damage was estimated at \$1,300.

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