

Trial in Horton arson spree case postponed

(KNZA)--The jury trial for a Hiawatha man accused of setting homes and vehicles ablaze during a crime spree early May 9th in Horton has been pushed back to next year.

The trial for 27-year-old Dustin McCulley had been scheduled for this week in Brown County District Court. However, a judge granted a request by his court-appointed attorney for a continuance to allow more time to prepare.

The trial was rescheduled for January 30th-February 2nd.

McCulley faces nine counts—including one count of aggravated arson, five counts of arson, one count of felony theft and two counts of burglary.

He's accused of setting two residences on fire—including one which was occupied at the time it was set ablaze. No injuries were reported.

McCulley is also accused of setting four vehicles on fire, along with the theft of a pickup truck and the break-in of two other vehicles.

He remains in the Brown County Jail on a \$250,000 bond.