

Rape suspect found competent to stand trial

**(KNZA)--A Hiawatha teen accused of the rape of a 13-year-old girl has been found competent to stand trial.**

**Brown County District Judge Jim Patton made the determination during a November 21st hearing for 18-year-old old Nicholas Miller, based on an evaluation conducted by Kanza Mental Health.**

**A preliminary hearing has now been was set for January 10th.**

**The case against Miller had been placed on hold in August after Patton granted a motion by Miller's court-appointed attorney for a competency evaluation.**

**Miller was arrested in June following an investigation by the Hiawatha Police Department.**

**He remains in the Brown County Jail on a \$150,000 bond.**

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