

Former area health aide bound over

**(KNZA)---A former nurse aide at a Highland healthcare facility has been bound over for trial.**

**27-year-old Janelle Lynn Sakakihara, of Atchison, was bound over to Doniphan County District Court on three felony counts of mistreatment of a dependent adult following her preliminary hearing April 3rd.**

**Sakakihara also faces one count of Medicaid fraud and three counts of battery, all misdemeanors.**

**Arraignment was scheduled for May 8.**

**The criminal complaint alleges the offenses took place between September 27-29 of last year while Sakakihara was employed at the Highland Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center.**

**She was among ten individuals in seven counties charged last September as part of a statewide enforcement sweep by the Kansas Attorney General's Office.**

**Sakakihara remains free on bond.**

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