

Jury trial set in fatal fight case

(KAIR)--A jury trial is set for one of three Atchison men accused of playing a role in a fatal 2019 Doniphan County fight.

23-year-old Brian Spilman, Jr. on Wednesday pleaded not guilty in Doniphan County District Court to a charge of second-degree murder.

Following the plea, a jury trial was scheduled for May 27 through May 29.

Although he had been held in the Doniphan County Jail on a \$150,000 bond, jail records no longer list him as an inmate, and the Doniphan County Sheriff's Office confirms he has been released on bond.

Also charged with second-degree murder stemming from the death of 42-year-old Cummings resident Jason Pantle are 44-year-old Scott Vandeloo and 30-year-old Matthew Cole Scherer.

Arraignment for Vandeloo had been set for Wednesday, but was continued until the morning of April 8.

Arraignment for Scherer is scheduled for February 26.

Both Vandeloo and Scherer remain free on \$150,000 bonds.

Authorities allege that the three engaged in altercations with Pantle during a September 22, 2019 party at 159 Monument Road in rural Doniphan County.

Pantle died September 29 at a Kansas City hospital after suffering what investigators called serious head injuries.

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