

Second Atchison man sentenced in 2019 beating death

(KNZA)--The second of three Atchison men charged in the 2019 beating death of a Cummings man has learned his fate.

46-year-old Scott Vandeloo was sentenced December 8 in Doniphan County District Court to 4 years and one month in prison on a charge of involuntary manslaughter.

Vandeloo was given credit for 487 days served in jail.

His prison sentence will be followed by 24-months post release supervision.

Vandeloo pleaded no contest to the reduce charge in October. He had been charged with second-degree murder in the death of 42-year-old Jason Pantle.

Co-defendant, 25-year-old Brian Spilman, Jr., was sentenced in November to more than 2 ½ years in prison on a charge of involuntary manslaughter. A jury found his guilty of the felony offense in September.

A jury trial for the third defendant, Matthew “ Cole” Scherer, is scheduled to begin March 28 of next year. He faces a charge of second-degree murder.

Authorities allege the trio engaged in altercations with Pantle during a September 22, 2019 party in southern Doniphan County. Pantle died later at a Kansas City hospital after suffering what investigators called serious head injuries.