

Five arrested in Hiawatha drug busts

(KNZA)--Five individuals were arrested after the Brown County Sheriff's Office Drug Task Force served two search warrants in the city of Hiawatha Friday, based on an extensive investigation by the Task Force and Brown County Attorney.

According to a release from Brown County Sheriff John Merchant, the first warrant was served at 714 Iowa Street where four individuals were arrested.

60-year-old Morton Alfrey, of Hiawatha, was arrested on charges of possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

36-year-old Laura Barnhart, of Hiawatha, was arrested on charges of possession of meth, selling sexual relations and possession of drug paraphernalia.

42-year-old Peter Carter, of Sabetha, was arrested on charges of possession of meth, possession of drug paraphernalia and traffic contraband into a correctional facility.

32-year-old Kevin Smith, of Hiawatha, was arrested on a misdemeanor failure to appear warrant, possession of meth, possession of drug paraphernalia, distribution and no drug tax stamp. In addition, Smith was arrested for criminal threat due to an incident in the jail.

Merchant said evidence collected from the residence consisted of meth, marijuana, needles, syringes, pipes and other paraphernalia associated with illegal drug use.

He said the second search warrant was served at 715 ½ Oregon Street, where 66-year-old Renee Trotter, of Hiawatha, was arrested on charges of possession of meth and possession of drug paraphernalia.

The Hiawatha Police Department assisted with both search warrants.