

Atchison man sentenced in fatal fight

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

32-year-old Matthew “ Cole” Scherer was sentenced Monday in Doniphan County District Court to nearly 11 years in prison on a charge of second-degree murder in the death of 42-year-old Jason Pantle.

He was also ordered to serve three years post-release supervision.

A jury found him guilty on the murder charge last month.

Scott Vandeloo was sentenced in December to just over 4 years in prison on a reduced charge of involuntary manslaughter, while Brian Spilman, Jr., was sentenced in November to more than 2 ½ years in prison after a jury found him guilty of the same offense.

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

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