

Rural Horton man appears in court on murder charge

(KNZA)--A rural Horton man charged in the shooting death of another man made his first appearance in a Brown County courtroom Wednesday afternoon.

32-year-old Stryder Keo is charged with one count each of murder in the first-degree and aggravated battery.

A preliminary hearing was set for July 27.

Keo is charged in the July 17 shooting death of 35-year-old William Blacksmith, of Whiting.

Multiple law enforcement agencies responded to a report of a shooting in the vicinity of 1300 Firefly Road on the Kickapoo Reservation shortly before 7:30 Sunday morning, where Blacksmith was found unresponsive in a yard with multiple gunshot wounds.

Another individual was struck by one of the shots allegedly fired by Keo. The male victim is expected to recover from his injuries.

Keo was arrested without incident a short time later at his home on the reservation.

He remains in the Brown County Jail, held on a one million dollar bond.

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