

Arrests made in Brown Co stolen property investigation

(KNZA)-A multi-state investigation focused on past thefts in the local region has resulted in arrests and the recovery of stolen property.

Last week, the Brown County Sheriff's Office asked for community assistance in identifying many of the recovered items, with Sheriff John Merchant saying "the community has helped immensely by identifying items recovered over the course of several weeks."

In a release, Merchant says the lengthy investigation has led to charges for three in Brown County, while four related arrests have been made in Richardson County, Nebraska, and several in Doniphan County, Kansas.

Those Brown County suspects are identified as 40-year-old Highland resident Zach Brown, and 45-year-old Brad Donahue and 53-year-old Mark Levret, both of Powhattan.

Brown was arrested at the end of July on charges related to two counts of felony theft and felony parole violation. Donahue was arrested around the same time on charges of felony theft, possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana, and possession of drug paraphernalia. Levret was arrested this week, taken into custody on the same charges as Donahue.

All three were booked into the Brown County Jail.

The release notes that the investigation included many search warrants obtained with the assistance of the Brown County Attorney, including what he calls a "ping" search warrant for cell phone location data.

The Brown County case remains under investigation.

Merchant notes that stolen items from a burglary in Horton several years ago have also been recovered, while several counties in Missouri have identified some of the recovered property and are investigating.

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