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Atchison Surf N Go Duo Gets Diversion

Charges were diverted Friday in Atchison County Court against two individuals accused of selling illegal substances in an Atchison convenience store.

Surf N Go owner Shazad Ghafoor and his former business partner and employee Mansoor Siddiqui had multiple felony drug distribution charges dismissed by the Atchison County Attorney if they follow through with the conditions of a recently state assessed 69 thousand dollar tax lien to the Kansas Department of Revenue.

The Atchison Police department raided the store last August when they obtained video evidence that alleged there was sale of synthetic marijuana after July 1st of 2011, when a law banning that type of substance went into effect.

Both individuals had pled not guilty and were set to go to trial in December, then February, but the trial got continued after the assessment was handed down, which led to the diversion.