

Two Nemaha Co Inmates Charged with Possessing Shanks

(KMZA)--Two Nemaha County Jail inmates being held on child sex charges now face additional charges for allegedly possessing handmade weapons and conspiring to escape.

Former Sabetha resident Christopher Sperling and Baileyville resident Eugene Ackerman have each been charged in Nemaha County District Court with felony counts of trafficking contraband into a correctional facility and conspiracy to commit aggravated escape from custody.

County Attorney Brad Lippert says the charges were filed after an investigation by the sheriff's department found a number of "shanks".

According to court documents, the shanks were found June 5th following a jail inspection. Sperling and Ackerman are accused of conspiring to escape between March 6th and June 5th.

Sperling was arrested in January by the Sabetha Police Department on a charge of sexual exploitation of a child and has been in the Nemaha County Jail since that time. A preliminary hearing in that case is now set for September 9th.

Ackerman was arrested in March on multiple child sex charges. He recently pleaded no contest two counts of aggravated indecent liberties with a child and was sentenced to 50 months in prison.

Ackerman was brought back to the Nemaha County Jail to face the new charges

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