

Second Suspect Sentenced in Identity Fraud Case

(KNZA)--The second person charged in a Brown County identity fraud case has been sentenced.

Amanda Gundersen, of Hiawatha, was given a suspended jail sentence Monday in Brown County District Court on three counts of aiding and abetting in harassment by telephone and was placed on one year supervised probation.

Brown County Attorney Kevin Hill asked the court to order Gundersen to serve some jail time. However, District Judge John Weingart said he wasn't requiring any jail time because the offenses are misdemeanors and she has no criminal history.

Prior to the sentence being handed down, Gundersen told the court she was truly sorry for her actions.

She pleaded no contest to the charges in August.

Gundersen was convicted of aiding and abetting Molly Smith, of Troy. Smith was sentenced in April to one year in the Brown County Jail after she was convicted of eleven counts—including one count of criminal threat, two counts of identity fraud and eight misdemeanor counts of harassment by telephone.

Hill says Smith assumed a false identity in order to text various individuals in the Hiawatha area, sending harassing and threatening messages.

Smith and Gundersen were arrested last November following an investigation by the Brown County Sheriff's Department.

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