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Hiawatha Man Pleads No Contest to Child Sex Charges

(KNZA)--A Hiawatha man accused of sex offenses involving two children has pleaded no contest to charges.

Brown County Attorney Kevin Hill says 46-year-old Ross Bruce entered the plea Friday in Brown County District Court to two counts of aggravated indecent liberties with a child, as originally charged.

Sentencing has been set for August 31st.

Hill says Bruce faces a sentence ranging between 55 and 247 months in prison, depending on his criminal history. Bruce will be subject to lifetime post release supervision and lifetime registration as a sex offender.

His bond was revoked.

Bruce was arrested in April following an investigation by the Hiawatha Police Department into alleged sex offenses involving a child born in 2004 and a child born in 2009 spanning about a six year time period.

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