

Hiawatha Teen Sentenced on Charges in Two Cases

(KNZA)--A Hiawatha teenager has been sentenced on charges in two separate cases.

Brown County Attorney Kevin Hill says 18-year-old Josh Sangrait was sentenced Monday morning in Brown County District Court to 16 months in prison on a charge of burglary. The sentence was suspended and Sangrait was placed on 24-months supervised probation.

Hill says Sangrait was ordered to pay \$1,900 restitution to the victim and \$2,500 to Farmers Alliance Insurance.

Sangrait pleaded “no contest” to the charge late last month. In exchange for the plea, charges of felony theft and misdemeanor criminal damage to property were dismissed.

He was among two charged in connection a February 26th residential burglary in Hiawatha. Stolen were two rifles and two handguns.

Co-defendant, 22-year-old Timothy Cooke, of Atchison, pleaded “not guilty” last month to charges in the case and a jury trial was set for September.

In a separate case, Hill says Sangrait pleaded “no contest” Monday to a felony charge of sexual exploitation of a child for an offense that occurred prior to him turning 18. He says the offense involved Sangrait soliciting nude photographs of a 14-year-old female after sending unsolicited nude photos of himself to the girl.

Hill says the case was prosecuted as an extended jurisdiction case, meaning he received a juvenile sentence and an underlying adult sentence of 57 months in prison. Under the extended jurisdiction case, Hill says if Sangrait violates probation terms on any case, he will be ordered directly to prison for 57 months since he’s now 18.

Many Signals Communications