

Sex Charge Against Former Kickapoo Officer Dismissed

(KNZA)--A child sex charge filed against the former assistant chief of the Kickapoo Tribal Police Department has been dismissed.

33-year-old Joshua Barnes, of Meriden, had been charged in Jackson County District Court in March with one count of aggravated indecent liberties with a child less than 14-years-old.

That followed an investigation by the Holton Police Department into alleged incidents occurring between January 2015 and May 2016.

The Holton Recorder reports the charge was dismissed July 12th, without prejudice, under the terms of an agreement filed by Deputy Jackson County Attorney Brian Yearout.

That came one day before Barnes faced a preliminary hearing on the charge.

Under the agreement, the newspaper reports the state has agreed not to re-file charges against Barnes on conditions that he has no further contact with the child or anyone in the child's family and is not charged with any new crimes during an unspecified "statute of limitations", excluding minor infractions or traffic offenses.

Barnes was arrested March 28th on the charge and released the same day on \$50,000 bond.

He had worked for the Kickapoo Tribal Police Department since March 2013, serving as assistant chief since February 2016.