

Probation Request Denied in Local Harassment Case

(KNZA)--A Highland man convicted on multiple counts of harassment by a telecommunications device will have to continue serving his jail sentence.

Brown County Attorney Kevin Hill says Magistrate Judge Roy Roper Wednesday denied a request for probation by the attorney for 56-year-old Gary Vigil.

That came after Hill voiced his objections and statements from victims of the offense.

Hill says Vigil was remanded to the Brown County Jail to continue serving the 18 months he was ordered to serve last November of his 14-year jail sentence on 14 counts of harassment by a telecommunications device.

He was arrested in July of last year following a lengthy investigation by the Hiawatha Police Department, which uncovered numerous victims, both locally and nationwide.

Hill says the investigation revealed Vigil would often impersonate family members of the victims being called, falsely describing involvement in sexual acts and the need for help from being victimized. He says the calls caused fear and concern for the victims being called.

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