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Electronic Solicitation Suspect Waives Hearing

(KNZA)--A St. Joseph man charged in Brown County with the electronic solicitation of a child waived his right to a preliminary hearing Wednesday.

70-year-old William Buehler was bound over to Brown County District Court on the felony charge, with arraignment set for November 8th.

Buehler was arrested July 10th following an investigation by the Hiawatha Police Department.

Buehler is accused of communicating through the internet with a person he believed to be a 14-year-old girl between May 1st and July 10th in an effort to commit an unlawful sex act. However, Brown County Attorney Kevin Hill says Buehler was actually communicating with an undercover officer with the Hiawatha Police Department's cyber crime unit.

When Buehler arrived in Hiawatha at a pre-arranged meeting place to meet the supposed 14-year-old girl, he was instead met by officers and arrested.

Buehler remains in the Brown County Jail on a $150,000 bond.

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