

Local clemency applicants denied

**(AP/KAIR)--Kansas Governor Sam Brownback has issued his first pardon in almost seven years in office to a man convicted of felony theft as a college student in 1994. Brownback's office announced the pardon Tuesday for Mark Schmitt of Parker, Colorado. Schmitt is a Liberal, Kansas, native convicted of felony theft while living as a college student in Ottawa. The governor's office said the charge arose from a false insurance claim for \$1,552. It said Schmitt completed probation, paid restitution and had his record expunged. Brownback said in a statement that Schmitt has proven since to be "a man of character." The governor's office said Schmitt applied for a pardon from former Democratic Governor Mark Parkinson but the paperwork was lost. Brownback denied 72 other clemency applications.**

**Among them were two convicted in Atchison County, with one application filed on behalf of [Heather Robinson](#) and the other on behalf of [Philip Boyce](#).**

**Two others denied involved Jefferson County convictions, with clemency applications submitted on behalf of Noah Gleason and Michael Gritz.**

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