

Rape suspect found competent to stand trial

(KNZA)--A Hiawatha teen accused of the rape of a 13-year-old girl has been found competent to stand trial.

Brown County District Judge Jim Patton made the determination during a November 21st hearing for 18-year-old old Nicholas Miller, based on an evaluation conducted by Kanza Mental Health.

A preliminary hearing has now been was set for January 10th.

The case against Miller had been placed on hold in August after Patton granted a motion by Miller's court-appointed attorney for a competency evaluation.

Miller was arrested in June following an investigation by the Hiawatha Police Department.

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

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