Home invasion suspect enters plea

(KNZA)--The third and final suspect in a 2017 Hiawatha home invasion has pleaded no contest to charges.

Brown County Attorney Kevin Hill says 28-year-old Oscar Martinez, of Bern, entered the plea Monday in Brown County District Court to charges of aggravated robbery and aggravated battery.

In exchange for the plea, charges of aggravated burglary and criminal restraint were dismissed.

Sentencing was set for August 6th.

Martinez remains in the Brown County Jail after his request for a bond modification was denied and his bond was revoked.

He was arrested in February on a Brown County warrant and extradited from the state of Nebraska where he had been held on separate charges.

Co-defendants, Sabetha residents Edgar Martinez and Jazmene Hicks, were sentenced in November on charges in the case.

Edgar Martinez was sentenced to $5\frac{1}{2}$ years in prison, while Hicks was placed on 36-months supervised probation.

Authorities say the trio broke into a home at 121 Apache Street in Hiawatha on May 16th of last year. The occupant, Ray Atlakson, told police he was battered and robbed, with his hands bound behind his back before the suspects fled the scene.

Taken were a pair of car keys, billfold and a RCA tablet.

Atlakson was treated for injuries at the Hiawatha Community Hospital.

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