

Doniphan Co murder suspect enters plea

(KNZA)--A St. Joseph man charged in Doniphan County with the murder of another St. Joseph man has pleaded no contest to an amended charge.

41-year-old Christopher Colhour entered the plea last week in Doniphan County District Court to a charge of second-degree murder.

In exchange for the plea, charges of kidnapping and felony theft were dismissed.

Sentencing was set for the morning of October 3rd.

Colhour had originally been charged with first-degree murder in the death of 64-year-old Daniel Purvis in May of last year.

Purvis' body was recovered from the Missouri River, south of St. Joseph, on May 27 of last year after a week long search. The search was launched after his vehicle was located in Troy.

A judge found Colhour competent to stand trial in January, based on an evaluation report from the Larned State Hospital.

He remains in the Doniphan County Jail, held without bond.

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