

Hiawatha woman pleads to charge in child murder case

(KNZA)--A Hiawatha woman, accused of impeding a 2013 Brown County child murder investigation, has pleaded no contest to a felony charge.

34-year-old Janelle Hall, also known as Janelle King, entered the plea Monday in Brown County District Court to a charge of interference with law enforcement.

Sentencing was set for November 26.

The charge stems from the investigation into the beating death of 4-year-old Mekhi Boone in March 2013.

According to the criminal complaint, Hall is alleged to have provided false information concerning the whereabouts of Janice Summerford.

Summerford was the live-in girlfriend of the child's father, Lee Davis IV.

Davis was sentenced in June 2013 to nearly 20 years in prison on charges of second-degree murder and felony child abuse.

Summerford was sentenced in September 2014 to a total of 124 months in prison on charges of second-degree murder, felony child abuse and interference with a law enforcement officer.