

Hiawatha Police arrest MO man on child sex charges

(KNZA)--An investigation by the Hiawatha Police Department leads to the arrest of a Raytown, Missouri man on a pair of child sex charges.

Police Chief John Defore says 38-year-old Michael Christopher Gaines was arrested early Saturday morning on charges of electronic solicitation of a child and sexual exploitation of a child.

Assisting Hiawatha Police in making the arrest were the Brown County Sheriff's Department and Kansas Highway Patrol.

Defore says his department opened the criminal investigation after learning of a man possibly soliciting a child through the internet. He says throughout the investigation, his office worked closely with the Brown County Attorney's Office and developed probable cause to make an arrest.

The case has been forwarded to Brown County Attorney Kevin Hill for prosecution.

Gaines remains in the Brown County Jail, held on \$150,000 bond.

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