

Hiawatha woman found competent to stand trial

(KNZA)--A Hiawatha woman accused of child sex crimes has been found competent to stand trial.

19-year-old Teaini Simmons faces charges of rape and aggravated indecent liberties with a child.

She was evaluated by KANZA Mental Health after her attorney filed a motion for a competency evaluation.

A status conference in the case is now scheduled for February 20 in Brown County District Court.

Simmons was arrested in May of last year following an investigation by the Hiawatha Police Department.

The investigation was launched after the department received a report from a concerned citizen that Simmons was romantically involved with a child under the age of 14.

Simmons is currently free on a \$100,000 surety bond.

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