

Trial set for former area healthcare worker

**(KNZA)--A jury trial has been set for a former nurse aide at a Highland healthcare facility who faces seven counts.**

**27-year-old Janelle Lynn Sakakihara, of Atchison, pleaded not guilty May 8 in Doniphan County District Court to three felony counts of mistreatment of a dependent adult, a misdemeanor count of Medicaid fraud and three misdemeanor counts of battery.**

**A two-day jury trial was set, beginning August 13.**

**The criminal complaint alleges the offenses took place between September 27-29 of last year while Sakakihara was employed at the Highland Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center.**

**She was among ten individuals in seven counties charged last September as part of a statewide enforcement sweep by the Kansas Attorney General's Office.**

**Sakakihara remains free on bond.**

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