

Court dates set for fatal fight suspects



Left to right: Matthew Cole Scherer, Brian Spilman, Jr. (Credit: LV Co Sheriff's Office) and Scott Vandeloo (Credit: Platte Co Sheriff's Office)

(KAIR)--Although amended charges are expected, all three suspects accused of playing a role in a [fatal fight](#) continue to face charges of aggravated battery.

30-year-old Matthew Cole Scherer, 22-year-old Brian Spilman, Jr., and 44-year-old Scott Vandeloo all remain in custody at the Leavenworth County Jail.

Each is held on a bond of \$150,000.

Scherer and Spilman are expected to appear in Doniphan County District Court next week, with a preliminary hearing for Spillman scheduled for October 8 and a preliminary hearing for Scherer set for October 10. Vandeloo's preliminary hearing is scheduled for October 29.

All three suspects are Atchison residents.

The victim of the September 22 Doniphan County altercation is identified by the Kansas Bureau of Investigation as 42-year-old Jason Pantle. The Cummings resident was pronounced dead September 28 at the University of Kansas Hospital where he had been hospitalized in critical condition with head injuries.

In a news release issued September 30, the KBI said amended charges were expected following Pantle's death. As of October 2, the charges for all three suspects remained listed in court documents as aggravated battery.

The Doniphan County Attorney's Office is expected to prosecute.

Services for Pantle will be held October 3 at Atchison's Becker-Dyer-Stanton Funeral Home.

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