

Willis man bound over on rape charge

(KNZA)--A Willis man will stand trial on a charge of rape.

Following a preliminary hearing Wednesday, Brown County Attorney Kevin Hill said a judge found probable cause that 20-year-old A.J. Lay committed the offense and bound him over to Brown County District Court.

Hill said that came after the presentation of evidence including testimony of the victim, a detective with the Hiawatha Police Department and digital forensic evidence from cellular phones.

Arraignment was set for October 28.

Lay was charged in January following an investigation by the Hiawatha Police Department.

Lay was also bound over on a felony count of fleeing or attempting to elude law enforcement in a separate case stemming from a high speed chase on December 28, 2018 in Brown County.

A preliminary hearing on charges in a third case against Lay stemming from the theft of tires and rims from Armstrong Tire, in rural Muscotah, was continued to a later date.

Lay remains in the Brown County Jail, held on a total bond of \$115,000.

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