

Fatal fight court case proceeds

(KAIR)--New preliminary hearing dates are set for all three Atchison men accused of playing a role in a fatal Doniphan County fight that happened in September.

44-year-old Scott Vandeloo, 30-year-old Matthew Cole Scherer, and 22-year-old Brian Spilman, Jr. had hearings Tuesday in Doniphan County District Court.

Their preliminary hearings were rescheduled for the morning of January 23.

All three remain charged with aggravated battery, although the Kansas Bureau of Investigation September 30 said charges were expected to be amended following the death of 42-year-old Jason Pantle.

Pantle, of Cummings, is identified as the victim of the early morning, September 22 altercation during a party held at 159 Monument Road, in Doniphan County.

Pantle died September 28 of what investigators called serious head injuries at the University of Kansas Hospital in Kansas City, Kansas.

Vandeloo and Scherer remain jailed in Leavenworth County, while Spilman is jailed in Doniphan County. They are held on bonds of \$150,000 each.

The Doniphan County Attorney's Office is prosecuting the case, which the KBI calls a homicide investigation.

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