

New Details Emerge In Highland Man's Death

(KNZA)--Since early January, rumors have been rampant in Doniphan County regarding a wild, crowded Highland house party that ended in the death of Johnny Jenkins.

The names of those who may have been involved have been quietly whispered since that time, with community members questioning whether or not justice would be found for the 30-year-old Highland man who served as a White Cloud volunteer firefighter.

The investigation has been in the hands of the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, handed off by the Highland Police Department.

Now, new, official details emerge, with the Kansas Chief reporting that an arrest has been made in the case.

51-year-old Highland resident Morton Alfrey, accused in part of hosting the party, complete with underage guests, is in custody on a number of charges, including a felony charge for aggravated intimidation of a witness.

That stems from Alfrey's alleged threat to kill three individuals, named as witnesses in the case of Jenkins' death, to keep them from making a report to law enforcement.

They are named in court documents as Colton Waggoner, Judah Clary and Kyle Alfrey.

Morton Alfrey is held in the Doniphan County Jail on a cash only bond of 200-thousand-dollars in connection with the case.

What exactly happened to Jenkins on the night of January 4th is not spelled out in any public document to date, leaving the KBI to investigate and Doniphan County residents to speculate about the circumstances surrounding the death of the man some say was beaten until he died. Although that claim remains unconfirmed, with the autopsy report not yet released, concerned residents hold to that story, wondering if, and when, the full truth will be told about the death of their neighbor, family member, and friend.

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