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### Jury Trial Set for Highland Man Charged in Death Investigation

( KNZA )-A July jury trial has been set for a Highland man facing charges in connection with events surrounding a suspicious death.

51-year-old Morton Alfrey pleaded “ not guilty” Wednesday in Doniphan County District Court to felony charges of aggravated intimidation of a witness and obstruction of apprehension or prosecution along with a misdemeanor count of unlawfully hosting minors consuming alcoholic beverages.

Alfrey entered the plea after waiving his preliminary hearing.

A jury trial was set for July 8-9th.

The charges arise from a party that authorities say was held at Alfrey’s home the night of January 5th, which allegedly included several minors consuming alcohol. A Highland police officer responding to a call at the residence found the body of 30-year-old John Paul Jenkins.

No charges have been filed against anyone in the death of Jenkins, who was also a resident of Highland.

Alfrey is currently free on a \$200,000 bond, which carries certain stipulations.

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