

Highland healthcare aide facing charges

**(KNZA)--The Kansas Attorney General's Office has filed charges against a certified nurse aide at a Highland healthcare facility alleging mistreatment and battery against three residents along with Medicaid fraud.**

**According to a press release from the office of Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt, 27-year-old Janelle Lynn Sakakihara, of Atchison, has been charged in Doniphan County District Court with one count of Medicaid fraud, three counts of felony mistreatment of a dependent adult and three counts of battery.**

**The criminal complaint, filed late last month, alleges the offenses took place between September 27-29 of last year while Sakakihara was employed at the Highland Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center.**

**The release says she was among 10 individuals in seven counties charged as part of a statewide enforcement sweep aimed at cracking down on illegal and harmful activity in Kansas facilities that receive Medicaid funding.**

**Sakakihara is scheduled to make her first appearance in a Doniphan County courtroom October 16.**

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