

New charges likely following fight victim's death



Left to right: Matthew Cole Scherer, Brian Spillman, Jr. (Credit: LV Co Sheriff's Office) and Scott Vandeloo (Credit: Platte Co Sheriff's Office)

(KAIR)--Amended charges are expected for the three Atchison men arrested in connection with an altercation that left a man dead.

The Kansas Bureau of Investigation Monday confirmed the death of 42-year-old Cummings resident Jason Pantle.

Pantle's family and friends began posting memorials to social media following his death Saturday. Also being shared is the hashtag #JusticeForJason.

Pantle had been hospitalized in critical condition, suffering from serious head injuries which are alleged to have occurred during an early morning September 22 attack at a party held at 159 Monument Road, in Doniphan County.

Pantle was pronounced dead at the University of Kansas Hospital, in Kansas City, Kansas, where he was transported after Atchison Police located him lying injured on the ground outside of a home located on Atchison's Jayhawk Drive. According to a release last week from the KBI, he was found around 4:20 on the morning of September 22 after he had been driven to that location by a family member sometime following the fight.

In custody in connection with the altercation are 44-year-old Scott Vandeloo, 22-year-old Brian Spillman, Jr., and 30-year-old Matthew Cole Scherer. All three were arrested September 25 on charges of aggravated battery. The KBI, in a release issued Monday, said charges in the case are expected to be amended due to Pantle's death. The Doniphan County Attorney is expected to prosecute the case.

Vandeloo, following his arrest, was booked into the Platte County, Missouri Jail,

but has since been transferred to Doniphan County. Spillman and Scherer are held in the Leavenworth County Jail.

Pantle, who played guitar for the Blake Camp Band, will be laid to rest Thursday afternoon following a 2:00 service at the Becker-Dyer-Stanton Funeral Home, in Atchison.

Among his survivors are his wife, Celeste, two sons, two daughters, and his mother, Shelly, and step-father Michael Noll.



Jason Pantle (Credit: Becker-Dyer-Stanton Funeral Home)

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