

Arraignment for fatal fight suspect pushed back

(KNZA)--The arraignment for one of three Atchison men accused of playing a role in a fatal 2019 Doniphan County fight was postponed Wednesday to April.

30-year-old Matthew Cole Scherer had been scheduled to enter a plea in Doniphan County District Court to a charge of second-degree murder, but his arraignment was continued to the morning of April 29.

Also charged with second-degree murder in the death of 42-year-old Cummings resident Jason Pantle are 23-year-old Brian Spilman, Jr. and 44-year-old Scott Vandeloo.

Spilman pleaded not guilty to the charge February 5 and is scheduled for a three-day jury trial, beginning May 27.

Vandeloo is scheduled to be arraigned April 8.

Authorities allege the trio engaged in altercations with Pantle during a September 22, 2019 party at 159 Monument Road in rural Doniphan County.

Pantle died September 29 at a Kansas City hospital after suffering what investigators called serious head injuries.

Scherer, Spilman and Vandeloo remain free on \$150,000 bonds.

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