

Not guilty plea entered in cemetery vandalism case

(KNZA)--A Denton man accused of vandalizing a Doniphan County cemetery has pleaded not guilty to charges.

Nicholas Cluck entered the plea last week in Doniphan County District Court to felony counts of criminal damage to property and criminal desecration.

In addition, he entered a not guilty plea to charges of driving under the influence and a felony count of aggravated battery in connection with an alleged domestic disturbance.

A pre-trial hearing was set for December 2. A jury trial is expected to be set at that time.

Cluck is accused causing extensive damage to the Walnut Grove Cemetery, northeast of Highland, in March.

Doniphan County authorities say he allegedly drove his pickup truck through the cemetery, damaging multiple grave markers and a chain link fence.

He was arrested following an investigation by the Doniphan County Sheriff's Department and Highland Police Department after his disabled vehicle was found in the cemetery.

Nemaha County Attorney Brad Lippert is serving as special prosecutor in the case.

Cluck remains free on bond.

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