

Second inmate sentenced in Atchison Co jail fire

(KAIR)--The second inmate charged in connection with a fire at the Atchison County Jail last December has learned his fate.

According to a release from Atchison County Attorney Sherri Becker, Joshua Hosier, of Atchison, was sentenced September 4 in Atchison County District Court to 18 months in prison on a charge of criminal damage to property. The sentence was suspended and he was placed on 24-months supervised probation.

Co-defendant, Nicholas Jackson, of Des Moines, Iowa, was sentenced in July to two years in prison on charge of aggravated arson.

The case stemmed from an incident that occurred on December 14, 2019.

On that morning, Jackson and Hosier were both inmates in the jail when video surveillance footage showed Jackson taking a glass of water from Hosier and throwing it on an electrical panel inside a jail pod. That caused an electrical fire inside the panel.

All inmates in the pod were evacuated. No injuries were reported, but the fire caused substantial damage.

The case was investigated by the Atchison County Sheriff's Department, Atchison Fire Department and state Fire Marshal's Office.

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