Arraignment for fatal fight suspect postponed

(KNZA)--The arraignment for one of three Atchison men charged in a fatal 2019 Doniphan County fight has been pushed back again.

Matthew "Cole" Scherer had been scheduled for arraignment Wednesday in Doniphan County District Court, but a court spokeswoman said it continued to December 16.

Co-defendant, Scott Vandeloo, is scheduled for arraignment on December 2nd, while a pre-trial conference is set for January 6 for the third defendant, Brian Spilman, Jr.

All three men are charged with second-degree murder in the beating death of 42-year-old Jason Pantle, of Cummings.

Authorities allege the trio engaged in altercations with Pantle during a September 29, 2019 party in southern Doniphan County.

Pantle died seven days later at a Kansas City hospital after suffering what investigators called serious head injuries.

Vandeloo is being held in the Doniphan County Jail after his bond was revoked, while Scherer and Spilman are currently free on \$150,000 bond each.

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