

No charges in sheriff's office probe

(KAIR)--No charges will be filed against the Atchison County Sheriff's Office following an investigation by the Kansas Bureau of Investigation.

That word comes in an email from Atchison County Attorney Sherri Becker, following an inquiry by MSC News.

According to Becker, the investigation focused on allegations of misuse of technology equipment on behalf of the Sheriff's Department.

Becker, informed of the allegation, turned the matter over to the KBI, and contacted the Johnson County District Attorney's Office to ask for their review of the case and to determine if charges should be filed.

Becker said she chose that agency "as the best special prosecutor for this case, because they are not closely related to our community, had no bias related to the matter, had no special knowledge of the situation, and would not be influenced by any outside matters."

In the email, Becker said she was recently notified by the District Attorney's Office that they have concluded their review of the investigation and determined that charges would not be filed as there was no evidence that a crime was committed.

According to Becker, all aspects of the investigation were handled by the outside agencies and her office "had no input regarding the charging decision," and she has "never seen a single report" of the investigation.

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