

Trial set for Hiawatha man on child sex-related charges

(KNZA)--A jury trial has been set for a Hiawatha man facing multiple child sex-related charges.

28-year-old Richard Hargett pleaded not guilty Monday in Brown County District Court to one count of internet trading in child pornography and four counts of sexual exploitation of a child.

A three-day jury trial was set, beginning May 10.

Hargett was arrested last October following an extensive investigation by the Hiawatha Police Department following a case referral by the Kansas Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.

As part of the investigation, officers served a search warrant on Hargett's residence where they seized electronics, hard drives, computers and other data storage devices, which were believed to have been used for the sexual exploitation of a child under the age of 14.

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