Two teens arrested for patrol vehicle arson

(KNZA)--Two teenagers are in custody, arrested in connection with a Brown County Sheriff's patrol car arson that occurred last month.

According to a release from Brown County Sheriff John Merchant, the two teens, aged 14 and 16, were arrested following "an extensive investigation" that included assistance from the Hiawatha Police Department, the Kansas Fire Marshals Office, the Brown County Sheriff's Office, the Brown County Attorney, and the Kansas Bureau of Investigation.

According to the release, "many leads were reported and followed up on by all agencies," following the September 6 arson, "which resulted in hundreds of hours of investigations," that led to the arrest of the pair, who were transported to the Douglas County Juvenile Detention Center, where they remained in custody as of Friday.

The patrol vehicle was found ablaze on the night of September 6 in the vicinity of 3rd and Miami Streets, in Hiawatha.

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