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Stover will not face federal prosecution

(KNZA)--A Hiawatha man facing multiple sex and drug charges will not face federal prosecution.

That word came Friday in an email from Brown County Kevin Hill following an inquiry from MSC News regarding the status of the criminal court case involving Jeremy Stover.

Hill told MSC News assurances had been received last year from federal authorities "that they would very likely be proceeding with a federal prosecution of Stover for alleged drug violations and that he could request depositions of witnesses on the State case if something happened to the federal case."

After a year, Hill said the federal prosecutor reponded to his inquiries on the status of the case, telling Hill he had "been recovering from a serious illness and had decided to not proceed with the federal case despite those previous assurances."

As a result, prosecution of the case will now proceed through Brown County District Court, with a preliminary hearing set for April 10th.

Stover was charged in February 2023 with eight counts---including three felony counts of promoting the sale of sexual relations, three misdemeanor counts of sexual battery, a felony count of distribution of opiates and a misdemeanor count of possession of a depressant.

The charges were filed following an investigation by the Brown County Sheriff's Office.

Stover remains free on a \$50,000 bond.

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