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Local child sex suspect to undergo mental exam

(KNZA)--A Hiawatha woman facing a pair of child sex charges will undergo a competency evaluation.

A judge last week granted a motion filed by the attorney for 19-year-old Teaini Simmons for the evaluation, which is to be conducted by KANZA Mental Health.

A preliminary hearing, which had been set for this week, has been placed on hold pending the outcome of the mental evaluation.

Simmons faces charges of rape and aggravated indecent liberties with a child.

She was arrested May 15 following an investigation by the Hiawatha Police Department.

The investigation was launched after the department received a report from a concerned citizen that Simmons was romantically involved with a child under the age of 14.

She remains in the Brown County Jail, held on a $100,000 bond.

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