

Former area health aide bound over

(KNZA)---A former nurse aide at a Highland healthcare facility has been bound over for trial.

27-year-old Janelle Lynn Sakakihara, of Atchison, was bound over to Doniphan County District Court on three felony counts of mistreatment of a dependent adult following her preliminary hearing April 3rd.

Sakakihara also faces one count of Medicaid fraud and three counts of battery, all misdemeanors.

Arraignment was scheduled for May 8.

The criminal complaint alleges the offenses took place between September 27-29 of last year while Sakakihara was employed at the Highland Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center.

She was among ten individuals in seven counties charged last September as part of a statewide enforcement sweep by the Kansas Attorney General's Office.

Sakakihara remains free on bond.

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