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Five arrested in Hiawatha drug bust

(KNZA)--Five Hiawatha residents were arrested on drug charges and a child was placed in protective custody following the execution of a search warrant on a Hiawatha residence Friday morning.

Brown County Sheriff John Merchant, in a news release, said the Sheriff's Office Drug Task Force served the search warrant at 111 North 5th Street around 10:15.

Merchant said the case involved extensive investigation and coordination between the Sheriff's Office and Brown County Attorney, which resulted in a positive outcome for the community.

50-year-old Ronald Clauson was arrested on charges of possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

44-year-old Jeff Davis was arrested on charges of possession of meth, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

29-year-old Ashley Rhyne was arrested on charges of distribution of marijuana within 1000 feet of a school,no drug tax stamp, possession of meth, possession of marijuana, possession drug paraphernalia,and child endangerment.

55-year-old Kimberly Wagner was arrested on charges of possession of meth and possession of drug paraphernalia.

33-year-old Gary Wendtlandt was arrested on charges of possession of meth, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and child endangerment.

Upon investigation, Merchant said it was discovered that a small child was present at the location and was immediately placed in protective custody.

Seized was suspected meth, marijuana, scales, syringes, needles, bongs, pipes and other items.

The Kansas Highway Patrol, Hiawatha Police Department, Sac and Fox Police Department and Juvenile Justice Authority assisted.

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