

A 66-year-old Grant resident remains in jail following arraignment in Perkins County Court Dec. 17 on a charge of alleged failure to register as a sex offender, a Class IV Felony.

The former resident of Las Vegas appeared before Judge Edward D. Steenburg represented by a court-appointed attorney, George Zeilinger.

The defendant was arrested Dec. 5 for alleged failure to register with the Perkins County Sheriff's Office as a sex offender as set forth in Nebraska Revised Statute 29-4003(1)(b) within five working days of residing in the county.

A preliminary hearing has been set for Jan. 7, 2009 at 10 a.m., with a \$10,000 bond continued. The defendant was returned to jail in Keith County.

Defendant bound over to District Court

A 26-year-old charged with a Class IV Felony of alleged terroristic threats was bound over to District Court by Judge Steenburg during a preliminary hearing Dec. 17. A District Court date for Daniel P. Gaffron is pending.

Charges of terroristic threats amended prior to sentencing

Sentencing will be handed down in Perkins County Court on Jan. 21, 2009 to Mathew A. Uptergrove who pled no contest to three separate charges in county court last week.

Coming before Judge Edward D. Steenburg, the defendant entered a no contest plea to a Class I Misdemeanor for assault, amended from a Class IV Felony for terroristic threats.

The defendant entered a no contest plea in a second case of terroristic threats in which the complaint was also amended by the state.

In a third charge, the defendant entered a no contest plea for theft, amended to a Class I Misdemeanor from an original Class III Felony complaint.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered by Judge Steenburg in all three complaints prior to sentencing next month.

Perkins County Attorney Rick Roberts said a plea agreement was reached between the client, his court-appointed attorney George Zeilinger and the State of Nebraska.