

**By Jan Rahn**

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Two defendants appeared in court before Judge Edward D. Steenburg on Wednesday, Oct. 5 for alleged charges of stealing copper wire and damaging center pivots in Perkins County.

Gabriel Kuskie, 18, was bound over to District Court after waiving his rights to a preliminary hearing on four felony charges involving alleged theft of copper wire and damage to center pivots.

The defendant has been charged with two counts of alleged theft by unlawful taking, both Class III Felonies; and two charges of alleged criminal mischief, Class IV Felonies.

The defendant allegedly stole copper wire having a value of \$6,138 from a center pivot belonging to Larry Walters near Venango and allegedly damaged the pivot to the extent of \$2,691. He is also charged with alleged theft and damage to a pivot belonging to Jessen Unlimited in Perkins County.

He is represented by Attorney Joel Burke. A District Court date is pending.

Adam Sigler, 21, was arraigned on two counts involving theft of copper wire from a pivot in Perkins County.

Count I—thrift by unlawful taking—alleging the defendant stole copper wire having a value of \$5,413 belonging to Jessen Unlimited of Perkins County, a Class III Felony. Count II—criminal mischief—alleging the defendant damaged the center pivot to the extent of \$1,915, a Class IV Felony.

A preliminary hearing has been set for Nov. 2.

In a separate case, Judge Steenburg ordered a jury trial Dec. 15 for defendant Richard Aldrich, 28, who faces 14 counts for a high speed chase that occurred in Perkins County on Aug. 18.

The defendant is represented by court-appointed attorney Lori Zeilinger.