

Scott R. Petro, 41, came before Perkins County Judge Edward D. Steenburg for preliminary hearings on Jan. 4 in three separate cases of alleged felony charges and was bound over to District Court in all three.

Testimony at the hearings was provided by investigators from the Perkins County Sheriff's Office and the Nebraska State Patrol.

The defendant was charged with: 1) alleged felony possession of a firearm which occurred in April 2009; 2) alleged possession of a firearm by a felon, a Class III Felony occurring in April 2009; alleged assault in the third degree, a Class I Misdemeanor; 3) alleged failure to appear in April 2010 when on bail, a Class IV Felony.

An arrest warrant was issued in April 2010 when the defendant failed to appear. He was apprehended in Arizona and remains incarcerated in Dawson County due to overcrowding in Keith County.

Bond remains at 10 percent of \$50,000 on each of the alleged firearm possession charges, plus bond of 10 percent of \$100,000 on the failure to appear charge.

A District Court date is pending.

The defendant is represented by attorney Gregory Beal of Ogallala. Prosecuting the cases are Perkins County Attorney Richard H. Roberts and Perkins County Deputy Attorney Joel W. Phillips with assistance from the Nebraska State Patrol in the investigation.