

Holton shooting suspect enters plea

(KNZA)--A Holton man accused of shooting at law enforcement officers during a standoff in December has pleaded no contest to charges.

Jackson County Attorney Shawna Miller says 31-year-old Patrick Miller entered the plea Friday morning to one count of attempted first-degree murder and two counts of aggravated assault against a law enforcement officer after waiving his preliminary hearing.

Miller had originally been charged with 18 counts—including three counts of attempted capital murder.

Sentencing is set for May 25th.

Holton Police and the Jackson County Sheriff's Department responded late December 3rd to a report of a domestic disturbance at 802 Ohio in Holton.

When officer arrived, Miller ran into his house and began shooting at officers and his wife, Erica Bell, who was inside one of the police cars.

Authorities negotiated with Miller for about two hours before he peacefully surrendered.

No injuries were reported.

Bell was later arrested in connection with the incident. She recently pleaded not guilty to two counts of aggravated assault and two counts of domestic battery. A jury trial is set to begin September 18th.

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