

Plea entered in Jackson Co shooting case

(KNZA)--A Mayetta teenager has pleaded no contest to charges in connection with the shooting of a 17-year-old Mayetta girl in October.

Jackson County Attorney Shawna Miller told MSC News that 18-year-old Lance Bailey entered the plea Wednesday to an amended charge of aggravated battery, along with two counts of aggravated assault, after waiving his preliminary hearing.

In exchange for the plea, two drug charges were dismissed.

Sentencing was set for December 20.

Bailey had originally been charged with attempted first-degree murder.

Miller says the charge was amended after a review of video footage revealed the victim's gunshot wound was a result of a ricochet off the ground in front of her rather than a direct hit as initially believed.

Authorities say the shooting happened at a residence on the Potawatomi Reservation October 3rd during what's believed to have been a verbal altercation.

The victim was transported to a Topeka hospital for treatment.

Bailey remains in the Jackson County Jail, held on a \$500,000 bond.

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