

Atchison Man Found Not Guilty of Agg Assault

(KAIR) -- An Atchison man was found not guilty of aggravated assault in a jury trial Tuesday in Atchison County District Court.

Bryan Boldridge was accused of threatening a 38-year-old individual with a 45-caliber handgun in the 600 Block of Mound on December 19th, 2011.

In testimony, Boldridge's attorney, Alan Ternet, had Boldridge and Boldridge's son and daughter take the stand and testify to their accounts of the events of that night.

Boldridge's 14-year-old daughter testified that it started the night before when Boldridge and his son got into an argument that caused the son to run away from home.

After learning the location of the son, Boldridge and his daughter went to go get him.

The daughter testified that they discovered what ended up be the individual alleging the charges confronting them as the trio was leaving.

She testified that a verbal confrontation occurred, with the alleged victim acting in an angry manner while Boldridge remained calm.

The daughter indicated that she felt threatened by the victim.

She also testified that Boldridge's son, crying, told the alleged victim to go inside and that his dad "has a gun."

She says the victim responded "Is he going to shoot me?"

The daughter then testified Boldridge stated "Are you crazy or stupid?" and then took off home in the car.

Boldridge earlier did testify that he open carried a handgun with him in-between the seat and center console while traveling, but did not even attempt to use the gun.

During cross-examination of the daughter, County Attorney Gerald Kuckleman questioned her testimony, asking if the trio came to the Atchison County Courthouse to practice testimony and accused the trio on being coached on what to say.

She did admit to them coming to the courthouse, but to get a feel of the room to alleviate worry during testimony.

During a second round of questioning, Ternet asked the girl if he told her what to say during testimony at any point, and the girl said no.

Closing arguments finished at five Tuesday evening and it took 30 minutes for the jury to reach their verdict.

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