

Woman pleads guilty to burglary and battery in May, 2008, stabbing case

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A 24-year-old Scottsburg woman will learn what sentence she will receive on Monday, September 21, after pleading guilty to Class B burglary and Class C battery causing serious bodily injury for her actions in May, 2008.

Amanda Vernon entered the guilty plea in a plea agreement submitted and approved in Scott Circuit Court on August 10.

She was originally charged with Class A felony attempted murder, Class B felony aggravated battery and two counts of Class C battery in the incident which left the victim, Jessica Groenenboom, critically injured.

Officers with the Scott County Sheriff's Department and Austin Police Department responded to an early morning call on May 26, 2008, finding the victim at 5925 North Jack Morgan Corner Road. A man at the scene said Vernon, described as his former girlfriend, had stabbed Groenenboom, his current girlfriend.

Vernon later turned herself in at the Scott County Security Center in Scottsburg, where she was detained on preliminary charges.

According to court documents, Vernon could be facing from six to 20 years on the burglary charge and from two to eight years on the battery charge.

The sentencing hearing in Circuit Court is scheduled for 1 p.m. that Monday before Judge Roger Duvall.