

Woman flees to Sheriff's Department after boyfriend's threats, actions frighten her

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Six charges have been filed against a Scott County man who allegedly verbally threatened a woman after their relationship went sour.

Harold Matthew "Matt" Kemp, 36, had his initial court hearing before Judge Roger Duvall on Monday, November 2, entering a not guilty plea to Class C felony battery, Class C felony criminal confinement, two counts of Class D felony intimidation, and misdemeanor charges of aggressive driving and reckless driving.

According to the probable cause affidavit prepared by Detective Rick Barrett of the Scott County Sheriff's Department, Kemp and his estranged girlfriend were apparently arguing outside the Scott County Security Center on Thursday, October 29. They were seen by a jail employee, who reported the incident to Det. Barrett. As the detective and the employee approached the woman's car, they overheard Kemp tell the woman, "Those two won't be able to save you." He then left.

The officers talked to the estranged girlfriend, who explained that she was trying to break up with Kemp. She said she had gone to his residence on East Radio Tower Road south of Scottsburg and argued with him there.

She said she left in her car, but Kemp allegedly followed her. She said he rammed the rear of her vehicle at least four times. The woman also said he then passed her on the right and then stopped, preventing her from proceeding on the county road. The girlfriend said she turned her car around and went the other direction, eventually reaching the security center, where the argument ensued that was partially observed by the officers.

She told the officers that Kemp had threatened to kill her at least twice. She recorded an October 13 conversation, where he told her that he would kill her and her family. In the conversation, she asked Kemp if he would hurt her grandmother. Kemp reportedly said he "...would love to see her gurgling blood."

Kemp was picked up on a warrant on October 30. Following his not guilty plea, Judge Duvall set a jury trial date of March 30, 2010. Kemp was provided with the services of a public defender, and bail was set at \$50,000 full cash.

Kemp requested reduction of his bond, which Judge Duvall took under advisement.