

## Man charged for aiming gun at mobile home and shooting truck

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A man has been charged in Scott Superior Court in connection with a shooting incident late in the evening on August 1 on North Napper Road.

Deputy Joe Guarneri was dispatched to a mobile home shortly before midnight to investigate a report of a man pointing a gun at a woman.

When he arrived at the residence, he talked to the woman, who said she woke up because someone was trying to break in. She identified the suspect as Donald Gay, 45, Scottsburg, whom she said tried to break her sliding door with a shovel and did break a window on the west end of the trailer.

When she refused to let Gay in, the woman said Gay fired two shots from a handgun near the mobile home. When she looked out the broken window, she said Gay pointed the handgun at her but then left with a companion.

Damage at the residence included its doors, the window, a black Chevy truck, which Gay allegedly pushed out of his way with his pickup truck when he first arrived, and the woman's truck. Its radiator was shot, according to a statement made by Gay. Gay and his friend were found by Deputy Guarneri and Patrolman Rodney Watts of the Scottsburg Police Department at Gay's home on West Thomastown Road shortly after 1 a.m. on August 2. The friend said he and Gay and gone to where the woman was living and that Gay was angry, pushing the black pickup in the driveway by ramming it.

As Gay jumped out of his pickup, the truck began rolling toward some woods, so the friend jumped out, too. The friend said Gay had a handgun in each hand and that Gay tried unsuccessfully to gain entry and pointed one of the guns at the woman when she looked out a window.

Several .22 caliber shells were collected by the officer from the floor board of the blue Chevy pickup left at the scene. A path from the truck to the edge of a cornfield led the two officers to a .22 caliber Ruger and a .22 caliber derringer. Both guns were loaded when found, Deputy Guarneri's probable cause affidavit related.

Gay was charged on August 2 with one count of Class D felony criminal recklessness and a Class A misdemeanor charge of carrying a handgun without a license.

During his initial court hearing, Judge Nicholas South accepted a not guilty plea from Gay and set his jury trial for October 12. He has received the services of a public defender.

Gay's bail was set at \$15,000 corporate surety or \$1,500 cash. A hearing has been scheduled for August 26 on Gay's petition to reduce his bail.