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Two men have pleaded not guilty in two separate stabbing incidents that took place in Scottsburg and northeast of Austin late last week.

In the first incident, Scottsburg police were dispatched to a residence at 143 East Walnut Street on Thursday, May 17, in regard to a fight.

When Sgt. Brian Hall and Deputy Joe Guarneri arrived, Sgt. Hall said the men had been separated, with one bleeding from a facial wound. They were identified as Russell W. Terry, 30, Scottsburg, and Bill Dean Miller, resident at the East Walnut St. apartment.

Information gathered by Sgt. Hall related that Terry is Miller's nephew. The pair had gone to a store together, and when they returned, they were arguing. Tensions escalated inside the apartment, with Miller reportedly placing Terry in a headlock. When others present broke up the fight, Miller went outside. At that time, Terry allegedly grabbed a knife and followed him, stabbing Miller in the face as they grappled once again.

Miller was treated at the scene by Scott County EMS technicians. Terry was placed under arrest and transported to the Scott County Security Center.

On Monday, May 21, Terry attended his initial court hearing before Judge Roger Duvall. The not guilty plea was entered during the hearing on two counts of battery, one a Class C felony and the second a Class A misdemeanor. Bond was set at \$75,000 corporate surety or full cash.

Terry's case was assigned to a public defender.

The second stabbing took place some time after 10 p.m. at 772 East Harrod Road northeast of Austin.

In this case, Tommy Wayne Hensley, 36, Underwood, is charged with stabbing David E. Turner of the East Harrod Rd. address three times, once on the left arm, once in the chest and once on the forehead.

Deputies Guarneri, Joe Johnson and James Shelton were dispatched based on a 9-1-1 call from a woman that was recorded at 10:20 p.m. When Deputy Guarneri arrived, he said he saw several people with flashlights in the road. A man, Turner, was lying in the road, and a person was holding a cloth to his bloody chest. When the deputy asked the victim who had stabbed him, he said his attacker was Hensley.

Hensley, people told Deputy Guarneri, was in the nearby house. He and Deputy Johnson left Deputy Shelton with Turner and went to the house to find Hensley. That man was found in the home's living room holding a bloody towel to his foot. Hensley admitted having a gun, but he said Turner had shot him with it. Hensley said he got the gun out but then "...set it down." He said Turner then grabbed the gun and shot him after the pair had argued.

Hensley said he had thrown the knife in a woods near the residence. The gun was taken as evidence.

Deputy Guarneri reported he received conflicting stories from eyewitnesses. Some said that Turner had shot Hensley; others said that Hensley shot himself in the foot. All agreed that Hensley had stabbed Turner, the report related.

Turner was transported by medical helicopter to University of Louisville Hospital, where he was still reported to be recovering from his wounds.

Hensley was taken to Scott Memorial Hospital in Scottsburg, where his wound was cleaned and bandaged. He was then transported to the Scott County Security Center.

Hensley's shooting remains under investigation, advised Sheriff Dan McClain.

Hensley's initial court hearing was held on May 22. He entered a not guilty plea to Class C felony battery and Class A misdemeanor battery before Senior Judge Robert Bennett. His bond was set at \$75,000 surety/full cash and he was provided with the services of a public defender.

Both men also received preliminary jury trial dates of October 1. They remain at the local jail awaiting their trials.