

## Lexington man is charged after allegedly threatening neighbor with gun

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A Lexington man is now being held in lieu of a \$75,000 bond after being charged with several felonies from a recent alleged incident involving a neighbor.

Michael B. Jones, 22, Polk Road, appeared for his initial hearing in Scott Circuit Court on Tuesday, October 2. He entered a not guilty plea to the seven charges he faces. Those include a Class B felony charge of unlawful possession of a firearm by a serious violent felon; intimidation, a Class C felony; Class D felonies of pointing a firearm, residential entry and theft; and two Class B misdemeanors of battery.

Scott County Chief Deputy Prosecutor Chris Owens also presented that office's intention to file an Habitual Offender enhancement. The enhancement is based upon Jones' felony convictions of theft in 2009 and robbery and two counts of attempted battery, all C felonies, in 2011. Such an enhancement could affect the length of any sentence Jones may receive in the case now filed against him.

According to the probable cause affidavit, Jones is alleged to have broken into a neighbor's home on August 20 and threatened to kill her while pointing a gun at her. He is also said to have grabbed the woman about the throat and shoved her down a hall after taking her cell phone.

The woman told Deputy James Shelton that Jones fired a shot out the back door of the woman's home and then run down the street toward a relative's home. When Indiana State Police Trooper Delmar Gross interviewed Jones, Jones allegedly admitted to selling a pistol earlier in the month and to having a gun at the neighbor's home.

The man's jury trial on the charges has been scheduled for February 19, 2013. A public defender was appointed to the case.