

Austin suspect charged with attempted murder in jail cell incident

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An Austin man waived initial hearing proceedings in Scott Circuit Court on Monday, January 7, and entered a not guilty plea to recently filed charges that included one count of attempted murder.

His alleged victim, according to the probable cause affidavit filed by Indiana State Police Detective Brian Busick, was an intoxicated man who had been placed in the same jail cell at the Scott County Security Center in Scottsburg as Alfred Ray Noble, 32, on December 14.

Noble was being held at the local jail in connection with another criminal matter.

Around 1:30 a.m., jailers said they saw Noble taking the clothing off the inebriated subject via the jail's security camera system. They intervened and stopped the alleged abuse.

When the jailers reviewed video, they said they saw Noble "...attempt to choke, strangle and suffocate..." the subject over a 30-minute period.

There were nine separate attempts by Noble to either strangle or suffocate the man, the affidavit revealed. Jailers said they saw red marks around the alleged victim's throat. Noble reportedly attempted the assault using his hands, a wet towel and toilet paper.

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The victim later told Det. Busick that Noble's attempts nearly made him lose consciousness several times.

Noble has been charged with attempted murder, a Class A felony, attempted criminal deviant conduct and attempted aggravated battery, both Class B felonies, and a count of strangulation, a Class D felony. Through his public defender, Noble entered a not guilty plea, and a jury trial date of May 6 was scheduled by Judge Roger Duvall.

Judge Duvall set bail at \$100,000 corporate surety/full cash.