

## Couple's argument results in man threatening woman at knifepoint

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A preliminary plea of not guilty was entered for a man accused of threatening his live-in girlfriend at knifepoint.

According to information gathered by Sgt. Rodney Watts of the Scottsburg Police Department, the girlfriend of Joshua D. Griffin, 25, went to the city police station to report the incident that she said occurred on April 5.

The woman told the officer that Griffin and she had argued that day. She said Griffin pushed her up against a wall by grabbing her by the throat. As she was pinned by Griffin, she said her boyfriend grabbed a knife and stabbed the wall next to her head while continuing to yell at her.

The couple has a young child, the probable cause affidavit related.

Griffin was taken into custody and subsequently charged with intimidation as a Class C felony and domestic battery, a Class A misdemeanor.

At his initial hearing in Scott Circuit Court on Monday morning, April 7, the not guilty plea was entered, and Griffin's case was appointed to a public defender. His jury trial is scheduled for September 9. Bail was fixed by Judge Roger Duvall at \$50,000 by corporate surety bond or full cash.

As a condition of his bail, Griffin has a no contact order in effect, requiring that he stay away from the woman and his child.