

'Board' fight in Austin results in charges filed against male suspect

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An Austin man is behind bars for being the apparent aggressor in a recent fight at Broadway and North First Streets.

Charles E. Johnson, 54, was identified by one of the alleged victims as the man who chased him while wielding a knife.

When Austin officer Greg Green arrived at the scene, he talked to the victim as well as Johnson's relatives, who described him as extremely intoxicated.

Johnson was found by the officer in the yard at a relative's house. Though Officer Green instructed Johnson to stop walking, the man continued to move, going into the relative's home. At that point, the officer reported in the probable cause affidavit that he had problems placing handcuffs on the suspect, who had been carrying a pint of whiskey and a sports drink.

Johnson is charged with two counts of intimidation, C and D felonies, as well as two counts of resisting law enforcement, both Class A misdemeanors, battery as a Class A misdemeanor and disorderly conduct, a Class B misdemeanor. A preliminary plea of not guilty was entered for him during his initial hearing before Judge Roger Duvall of Scott Circuit Court on May 21. A public defender was appointed to the case, and bond was set at \$50,000 corporate surety bond or \$10,000 by cash.

Johnson's jury trial is scheduled on October 14.