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Leavenworth Man Pleads Not Guilty to Attempted Murder Charges

(KNZA)--A Leavenworth man accused of stabbing his pregnant ex-girlfriend in June has pleaded “not guilty” to attempted murder charges

The Leavenworth Times reports 26-year-old Richard Bennett entered the plea Friday in Leavenworth County District Court to two counts of attempted first-degree murder and one count of criminal threat.

A jury trial was scheduled for November 4th.

Police say Bennett allegedly attacked his former girlfriend, Lachelle Kemp, with a knife outside a Leavenworth convenience store on June 18th.

He is also accused of making a criminal threat against Kemp.

Kemp says Bennett is the father of her unborn child.

Kemp testified during a preliminary hearing earlier this month that she suffered wounds to her abdomen, head and back. She said it appears her unborn child was not harmed.

Bennett also is facing a misdemeanor drug charge in an earlier case. A trial for the misdemeanor case was set for Oct. 10th.

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