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Jefferson Co. Attempted Murder Case Dismissed

(KNZA)--A Valley Falls man will not go on trial for a fourth time for attempted murder in a case arising from a dispute with his neighbor.

The Topeka Capital Journal reports a Jefferson County District Judge on Wednesday dismissed the charge against 69-year-old John Hayworth Jr. An August 25th trial had been set.

Hayworth was charged with attempted first-degree murder in the December 2011 shooting of William Schoonover of Valley Falls over a long-simmering property dispute.

Hayworth's first trial ended in a mistrial, and the next two ended in hung juries.

Jefferson County Attorney Jason Belveal said his office hasn't made a final decision on whether to appeal the decision.

Schoonover has filed a civil lawsuit against Hayworth and his wife.

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