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Jury Trial Set in Holton Attempted Murder Case

(KNZA)--A jury trial has been set for a Holton man accused in the attempted strangulation of a Holton woman.

Jackson County Attorney Shawna Miller says 27-year-old Manual Juarez-Benito pleaded “not guilty” Friday to charges of attempted first-degree murder, rape, aggravated battery, two counts of criminal threat and domestic battery.

Miller says a trial was set for October 31st-November 2nd.

Juarez-Benito was arrested February 9th after officers responded to a domestic incident at a Holton residence involving an alleged attempted strangulation. The victim sustained non-life threatening injuries.

The victim also testified during a preliminary hearing last month that Juarez-Benito had allegedly raped her several times between April 1st and September 30th of last year.

Juarez-Benito remains in the Jackson County Jail on a \$200,000 bond.

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