

Wathena Man Sentenced in Battery Case

(KNZA)--A Wathena man convicted of assaulting another man at a farm north of Wathena last year, leaving the victim requiring surgery for facial injuries, has been placed on probation.

Ryan Smith was recently sentenced in Doniphan County District Court on an amended charge of misdemeanor battery.

Smith was given a suspended 6-month jail sentence on the charge and placed on 24-months supervised probation. He was also ordered to pay more than \$2,300 restitution.

Smith, who had originally been charged with a felony count of aggravated battery, pleaded no contest in February to the reduced charge. The action canceled a jury trial that had been set in the case.

Smith was charged with assaulting J.T. Euler in April of last year.

Authorities say the altercation occurred while Euler was in the cab of a tractor planting corn after Smith confronted him about who had permission to hunt on the property.

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