

Teen Arraigned on Weapons Charge

**(KNZA)--A Wathena teenager charged in connection with a shooting at an underage drinking party in January appeared in Buchanan County courtroom Monday for arraignment.**

**The attorney for 17-year-old William Dowlen waived a formal reading of the complaint and entered a plea of “not guilty” on behalf of his client to a charge of unlawful use of a weapon.**

**A jury trial is expected to be set during a July 21st hearing.**

**Dowlen is accused of shooting a 20-year-old St. Joseph man in the leg during a disturbance at a party in the area of Southeast Mount Zion Road during the early morning hours of January 22nd. Authorities say the victim suffered injuries that required multiple surgeries.**

**Dowlen remains in the Buchanan County Jail on a \$25,000 bond.**

Many Signals Communications