

Jail escape suspects plead not guilty

(KMZA)--Two inmates who escaped from the Marshall County Jail last October have pleaded not guilty to charges.

***The Marysville Advocate* reports Jeffrey Guenther and Matson Hatfield were arraigned Tuesday in Marshall County District Court.**

The men are charged with one count of attempted first-degree murder and two counts of attempted second-degree murder along with multiple other charges.

A jury trial was set, beginning October 29th. However, attorney's for both men plan to ask for separate trials. That's to be taken up during a pre-trial hearing August 17th.

Authorities allege the two men lit a cell on fire and obtained two shotguns while escaping from the jail October 14th.

Hatfield fled to a nearby home and surrendered a short time later. Guenther allegedly stole a pickup and lead authorities on a chase. He was arrested after rolling the truck in rural Gage County, Nebraska.

The Kansas Bureau of Investigation says shots were fired at a Marysville Fire Department truck and a man in front of a home. No one was hurt.

The Kansas Attorney General's office is prosecuting the case with the help of Marshall County Attorney Laura Johnson-McNish.

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