

No charges to be filed in Rock Port shooting

(KLZA)-- No charges will be filed in connection with a non-fatal Rockport, Missouri shooting last month, following the decision of a special assistant prosecuting attorney.

Nodaway County Prosecuting Attorney Bob Rice was appointed on behalf of Atchison County, Missouri to review the evidence and make a charging decision.

The shooting of 35-year-old Watson, Missouri resident Travis Holmes occurred March 30, at the Rockport home of his 61-year-old father, William Holmes, accused of pulling the trigger.

A news release issued by Rice said William Holmes was cooperative and agreed to waive his rights to speak without an attorney to give his side of the events.

Travis Holmes refused to provide follow-up details of what led up to the shooting and later gave a written statement that he did not want to pursue charges.

There were no eye witnesses to the events that led up to the shooting.

According to the release, Travis Holmes' anger toward his father resulted in an altercation the day of the shooting, with William Holmes saying he feared for his safety. Because of that, he fired one round from a rifle at his son.

In Missouri, deadly force can be used if a person reasonably believes it's necessary to protect himself against death, serious physical injury, or the commission of a forcible felony.