

### **Gene Pattie Sentenced To Prison Term**

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A former Trenton resident has changed his pleas to guilty and has been sentenced to prison following incidents last May at Mercer.



65 year old Eugene Pattie Junior of Marshall appeared Wednesday in Division One of the Mercer county circuit court. Pattie, represented by a public defender, pleaded guilty to four felony counts: assault in the first degree inflicting serious physical injury on another person; armed criminal action; burglary in the first degree; and kidnapping a person, facilitating a felony, resulting in injury and terrorizing of a victim.

Pattie was sentenced to 20 years with the Department of Corrections on each of two counts: felony assault and armed criminal action. He received a pair of 15 year prison sentences on counts of burglary and kidnapping. Mercer County Prosecutor John Young said the sentences are concurrent. He noted the sentence for armed criminal action, by state statute, offers no parole from prison meaning the 20 years must be served.

Pattie received credit for eight months held in jail awaiting disposition of court cases.

Three other counts were dismissed by the prosecution today. Those counts were attempted murder, attempted forcible rape, and (another) armed criminal action.

Mercer county authorities reported on the night of May 10th, David Niemeyer was shot three times with a 38 caliber handgun resulting in hospitalization in Des Moines for a few weeks. The shooting occurred at Neimeyer's woodworking shop in Mercer. Moments later, authorities said Virginia Niemeyer was assaulted at the family's residence on North State Street Pattie was arrested at the scene that evening.

The guilty pleas and sentencing averted Gene Pattie's jury trial in the Mercer county circuit court that had been set for May 12th and 13th.