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More details have been announced concerning the assault case on 17 year old Ryan Vencill.



According to authorities, two Trenton residents sharing an apartment in the 2300 block of Speedway Avenue, 24-year olds Jameson Read and Ryan Vencill, have been charged in Sullivan County with first degree felony assault on Ryan Vencill's 17-year old brother, Tristan Vencill.

Sullivan County authorities allege the incident occurred on or about July 4th.

Jameson Read is charged in Grundy County with second degree murder and armed criminal action in the July 3rd shooting death of 52-year old John Vencill of Trenton, the father of the Vencill brothers.

In the Sullivan County First Degree Assault charge, Jameson Read is accused of causing serious injury to Tristan Vencill by striking him in the shoulder and back with a hammer.

In the Sullivan County First Degree Assault charge against Ryan Vencill, he is accused of conspiring with Read and agreeing to take Tristan Vencill to Humphreys to be "roughed up".

The charge said after Tristan Vencill was struck with the hammer, he was restrained by his older brother with plastic wire ties across his wrists and knees.

In a probable cause statement filed by Sullivan County Sheriff Roger Smiley, Ryan Vencill was accused of luring his brother to Humphreys at the request of Jameson Read for the purpose of an assault, and Ryan Vencill agreed to assist Read in the assault.

Ryan Vencill told Sheriff Smiley that Read asked Vencill to take Tristan Vencill from Trenton to the James Bowe residence at Humphreys, and that he and Read previously had agreed Tristan Vencill would be "roughed up" at the Bowe residence.

Ryan Vencill was quoted as saying he asked Tristan Vencill to go with him to the Bowe residence on the pretense of Read having property of Tristan and Ryan's father, John Vencill, which Read would give to Tristan Vencill at the Bowe property.

Unknown to Tristan Vencill at the time, Ryan Vencill had been advised by Read he had shot and killed John Vencill earlier in the day at Read's residence in Trenton.

Upon arrival of Ryan and Tristan Vencill at the Bowe residence, Read and Bowe were said to be

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already there.

After going inside and briefly talking with Bowe and Read, Read advised Tristan Vencill to go outside and Read would give Tristan Vencill his father's property. Ryan Vencill was quoted as saying he, Tristan Vencill, and Read went outside to the back of an old van parked within a few feet of the residence.

Read advised the two Vencill's the property was in the back of the van. Ryan Vencill was quoted as saying he and Tristan Vencill crouched down near the ground near the back of the van, and that Read hit Tristan on the left shoulder, and a second time in the back of the head, using a hammer.

The probable cause statement quoted Ryan Vencill as saying he restrained Tristan Vencill with plastic wire ties around the wrists and knees.

Tristan Vencill then was placed at the rear of the van where read placed his arms on Tristan Vencill's chest, and got into a verbal altercation with his brother.

Ryan Vencill was quoted as saying Read told Tristan Vencill his dad is dead and that Read shot him, and asked whether he want to see him.

Ryan Vencill was quoted as saying Tristan Vencill did not want to see his dad. Ryan Vencill also was quoted as saying Read cut the plastic ties from Tristan's knees with a knife, but was unable to cut the ties from the wrists. A razor blade from the Bowe residence was used to cut the ties from Tristan Vencill's wrists.

Ryan Vencill was quoted as saying Tristan Vencill was bleeding from the back of the head, and with Read's approval, Ryan Vencill placed Tristan Vencill in their vehicle and drove from the Bowe residence.

Bond for Jameson Read and Ryan Vencill on the first degree assault charge is \$100,000 cash only for each person.

Read was being held without bond on Grundy County charges of second degree murder and armed criminal action in the death of 52-year old John Vencill of Trenton

Fifty-five year old James Bowe of Humphreys has been charged in Sullivan County with two counts of unlawful possession of a firearm. Bowe has pleaded not guilty to those charges and is to return to court at Milan on July 18th. His bond is \$50,000 cash only.