

Ledbetter pleads guilty to aggravated child abuse

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Eddie Ledbetter, 24, of Ozark has pled guilty to a charge of aggravated child abuse that occurred in 2007 near Skipperville.

Ledbetter entered a plea of guilty for the crimes without any plea agreement having been issued by the District Attorney's Office. Judge Ken Quattlebaum will sentence Ledbetter at a later date.

Ledbetter has been residing in the Dale County Jail since his arrest and will remain there pending his sentencing hearing.

Ledbetter faces anywhere from two to 20 years in the State Penitentiary for his crimes.

District Attorney Kirke

Adams is satisfied with Ledbetter's decision to plead guilty.

"This case drew personal interest from me, my office the community and all law enforcement, especially the Dale County Sheriff's office," said Adams.

"This was one brave little boy who somehow withstood

this abuse and helped us get this offender off the street and into prison."

Ledbetter had been accused of willfully abusing the 7-year-old child of his live-in girlfriend, Victoria June Henry.

According to the indictment, Ledbetter abused the child on more

than one occasion, which led to the aggravated child abuse charge.

Henry is also charged with aggravated child abuse. Her case is still pending.

The child involved now lives in North Carolina and is in the care of his father.