

# Teen charged with vandalizing field denied bond

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**OZARK** — Apologies from the family of a teenager charged with vandalizing Dale County High School's football field on the same day the school's head football coach was buried did not help during the suspect's first appearance hearing on Monday.

Dale County District Attorney Kirkle Adams said county Circuit Judge Ken Quattlebaum allowed no bond for 18-year-old Douglas Quincey of Midland City. Quincey,

along with a juvenile who authorities said recklessly drove a white pickup truck over the high school's football field on Friday, was charged with first-degree criminal mischief and second-degree criminal trespass.

Alcohol may have also been involved.

Adams said Quincey's juvenile record contributed to Quattlebaum's decision.

Quincey's father, Douglas Quincey Sr., said he believed the crimes his son is charged with justified a reasonable bond being set.

"There are murderers out there that can get out with a bond. What

(Douglas Quincey Jr.) done was wrong, but I don't agree at all with how it's being handled. Sure he needs to pay the consequences, no doubt, but (not by) holding him in jail," Douglas Quincey Sr. said.

The father said he was certain the incident had nothing to do with the death of head football coach Todd Horne, who died on Tuesday from injuries he sustained in a wreck that also injured four other coaches.

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Students look over the Dale County High School football field Saturday morning after it was vandalized.

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Some of the Quincey family apologized to Horne's family and to school officials for the younger Quincey's actions, Douglas Quincey Sr. said.

Still, principal Leavy

Boutwell said the timing of the "vandalism" and the fact it had never happened in his four years at the school left him angry and hurt.

"Todd took so much pride in

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keeping that field immaculate and pretty... Due to the grieving process, someone forgot to lock the gate, and the (kids) just thought they could travel around the school and have some fun, or whatever they want to call it. What it was was "vandalism," Boutwell said.

"... Both (alleged offenders) are in jail, and I hope they stay there."

The incident at Dale County High is the second this year in which both juveniles and adults have been charged with felony crimes.

The first incident involved

more than 10 students who spray-painted vulgar messages at Carroll High School. Motions to dismiss charges were filed for at least one student last month, according to court records. None of the students were allowed to participate in graduation activities.

First-degree criminal mischief is a Class C felony, punishable by between one and 10 years in prison and a fine of up to \$15,000. Second-degree criminal trespass is a misdemeanor, punishable by up to three months in jail and a fine of up to \$500.