

# Veteran charged with pointing AK-47 at police pleads guilty

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An Army veteran charged with attempted murder of a police officer after pointing an AK-47 at an officer has pleaded guilty to a lesser attempted assault charge.

Court records show Samuel Douglas Hone, 27, of Enterprise, pleaded guilty to felony attempted first-degree assault in front of Dale County Circuit Court Judge Kimberly Clark.

Daleville police officers arrested Hone in May of 2014. They originally charged him with felony attempted murder and misdemeanor second-degree criminal mischief.

Records show Hone pleaded guilty Wednesday. As part of the plea agreement the court or-

dered Hone to serve 10 years in prison, which was suspended for five years of probation.

But the court's order came with several conditions, which included turning over ownership of the AK-47 assault rifle in the case to the Daleville Police Department, continued cooperation with officials at the Veteran's Administration office, particularly complying with any and all treatment



Hone

programs, and he must complete release forms for the state to follow his progress through the VA's treatment programs.

The court also ordered Hone to pay \$467.40 in restitution for damage caused to a Daleville police car during the incident.

According to an earlier *Dothan Eagle* report, police arrested Hone after a woman called 911

with concern for Hone, a soldier in the U.S. Army, who had left home carrying a loaded AK-47 rifle with extra magazines of ammunition. The woman said Hone was upset, but did not know why.

Police were dispatched to look for Hone, who had been driving a 2001 Jeep.

Daleville Police Chief Harvey Mathis said when police found Hone he was "ranting and raving about the war in Afghanistan" and "calling names" that were full of "hatred."

As he got out of his vehicle, Hone's rifle barrel came out first, Mathis said. The police officer felt his life was in danger and fired several shots.

Hone did not shoot, and he was not shot or injured. He got back into his vehicle and held up his hands in surrender, Mathis said.