

# Hone pleads guilty to assault, turns in rifle

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**Samuel Douglas  
Hone III**

A Daleville man charged with attempted murder of a Daleville police officer pleaded guilty to a lesser offense in Dale County Court Sept. 16.

Samuel Douglas Hone III, 27, pleaded guilty to the reduced charge of first-degree attempted assault in connection with the May 2014 incident in which he pointed an AK-47 at a Daleville Department of Public Safety officer.

Dale County Circuit Court Judge

Kimberly Clark sentenced Hone to 10 years in prison, which was suspended and he was placed on five years of probation.

Hone was also ordered to cooperate with Veterans Administration health care providers and comply with any

prescribed treatment program and any prescribed medications.

Clark ordered Hone to turn his AK-47 assault rifle over to the DPS.

The court also ordered Hone to pay \$100 to the Victims Compensation Fund and a \$750 bond fee.

"The settlement in this case was thoroughly discussed with the Daleville Police Department," said Dale-Geneva District Attorney Kirk Adams.

Daleville police officers arrested Hone in May 2014 and originally

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charged him with felony attempted murder and misdemeanor second-degree criminal mischief.

According to an earlier *Daleville Sun-Courier* report, officers with the Daleville DPS intercepted an armed man driving on Daleville Avenue at approximately 11 a.m., May 27, 2014, after receiving a 911 call from the man's wife.

Daleville Police Chief Harvey Mathis said, in May, that police were notified

that Hone had left his home with a loaded AK-47 and three additional magazines. Hone's wife gave police a vehicle description and said her husband had mentioned wanting to harm people.

At approximately 10:53 a.m., Daleville officer Noah Suiter located Hone's vehicle, a gray 2001 Jeep Cherokee, on Daleville Avenue and pulled him over in the parking lot of the Lingerie Boutique.

Mathis said Hone stepped out of his car and pointed his weapon at Suit-

er. Suiter then fired several shots at Hone after which Hone got back into his vehicle and surrendered. He was immediately disarmed and taken into custody. No one was injured in the incident, Mathis said.

Mathis said Hone was dressed in a military uniform and combat boots and was "ranting and raving about the war" at the time of his arrest. Mathis said Hone's wife reported during the call that he is a former soldier in the U.S. Army who is suffering from PTSD.