

Guilty

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Street in Slocomb.

Adams said apparently Haire had a handgun most of the day when the offense happened.

"The victim did not like guns and had told him to put it away. Mr. Haire had thought it was unloaded or maybe had one bullet," Adams said. "He was playing around with the gun and shot him."

Adams called alcohol and drugs contributing factors to the defendant's actions at the time of the offense.

"It was a reckless thing to do, but he certainly did not intend to kill his friend," Adams said. "However, there are consequences, and now it's up to Judge Clark to determine his punishment."

Haire remains in custody and will be sentenced by Clark on April 14 at the Geneva County Courthouse.

Adams said Haire entered what is referred to as a blind guilty plea, which means there was no agreed-upon sentence.

Adams said Haire faces a sentence of two to 20 years in prison for the class B felony crime of manslaughter, but he said the prosecution plans to seek a firearms enhancement, which would raise the minimum sentence to 10 years instead of two.