

MEDIA RELEASE

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Sheriff Jimmy Harris reports that two Flat Rock men were arrested yesterday on grand jury indictments related to a March shooting that occurred during a raccoon hunt. Harold Lefelle Thompson, 50, was indicted on the charge of Attempted Murder. His son, William Joshua Thompson, 20, was indicted on two counts of Assault 2nd Degree.

The incident occurred on March 4 of this year, on County Road 146 about 500 yards inside the DeKalb County line. Four individuals, Jerome Higdon, Leon Jones, and two unidentified juveniles were raccoon hunting at approximately 7:00 p.m. at the location. They were confronted by the Thompsons, at which time gunfire erupted. Higdon was struck in the shoulder and Harold Thompson was struck in the stomach. One of the juveniles was also grazed across the back but not seriously injured. After the incident, Harold Thompson and Higdon both spent time at Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga.

In addition to DeKalb County Sheriff's Officers, Ider Police Department, Drug Task Force Agents, and Jackson County Sheriff's Officers initially worked on the case. It was assigned to DeKalb Sheriff's Investigator Mary Waters and presented at the most recent meeting of the grand jury.

Both men remain in jail on bond at this time: Harold Thompson on \$25,000; William Thompson on \$17,500.

