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Aggravated Assault in Baxter

PUTNAM COUNTY, TN – On August 31, 2015, Blake Dale Bonds was charged with DUI, simple possession, violation of implied consent, and aggravated assault. The charges resulted from a domestic argument between Bonds and his girlfriend at the residence of Bonds' uncle located at 2088 Elmore Town Road. Bond's uncle and cousin, Jeffrey and Dakota Palmer intervened in the domestic argument. During the intervention, Jeffrey Palmer pulled a gun and a scuffle ensued between Bonds and Jeffrey Palmer. Dakota Palmer joined in the scuffle and Bonds took the gun away from Jeffrey Palmer. As the scuffle continued, Bonds used the gun to assault Jeffrey and Dakota Palmer by striking them in the head and face. Dakota Palmer was shot in the leg with the gun during the scuffle. Bonds fled the scene and was quickly located by Deputies Linda Jordan and Craig Ragsdale on Highway 56 at First Avenue in Baxter. He was initially arrested for DUI and related offenses, but he was later charged with aggravated assault by Detective Kendall Hargis. Jeffrey and Dakota Palmer were transported by ambulance to Cookeville Regional Medical Center for treatment of their injuries. The case is still under investigation by the Putnam County Sheriff's Department.

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