

Boone Woman Arrested on Attempted Murder Charges Against a Juvenile

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5:40 p.m. - A Boone woman faces attempted murder charges after allegedly shooting a 12-year-old boy and firing at his 11-year-old brother in Mt. Pleasant on Friday.

Cabarrus County Sheriff Brad Riley said 48-year-old Patti Hatcher Campbell is believed to have pulled into a driveway and the 12-year-old boy came out of the house to approach her vehicle, when she stepped out of the vehicle and fired at him. The bullet entered the boy's right shoulder and exited on the right side of his neck. The boy's mother and brother heard the gunshots and came to the house. Campbell is then believed to have fired at the victim's brother twice, missing him both times. The victim's mother and brother were able to wrestle the gun away from Campbell.

The 12-year-old boy is listed in stable condition after receiving medical attention.

Sheriff Riley said during the altercation, Campbell suffered minor injuries and was taken to CMC Medical Center Northeast, where she spent the night for observation.

Although Campbell knew the mother, a motive for the shooting has not yet been determined.

Sheriff Riley said, "It's a real tragedy anytime someone is shot, but especially when it involves an innocent child. The only thing that is apparent at this time is that Mrs. Campbell did know this family and was under the influence of some type of alcohol and/or drugs. This young man, and the brother and mother, are very lucky to be alive."

He added, "Initially she was charged with assault with a deadly weapon or inflict serious injury and that was ramped up to attempted murder."

Campbell faces two attempted murder charges. She's being held on a \$1 million bond.