

Hays man faces kidnapping charge

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A Hays man faces a kidnapping charge after an early Friday morning incident.

Police believe 31-year-old Steven Blackburn grabbed 23-year-old Rachel Handy of Wilkesboro by the hair, dragged her into a car, and drove off. According to Wilkes deputies, when Blackburn stopped the car in a driveway, Handy tried to escape. Blackburn allegedly grabbed her by the throat. Deputies believe Blackburn then drove around for about 20 minutes, holding Handy at knifepoint. Eventually, Blackburn returned Handy to her residence, where she proceeded to call the police. Blackburn is charged with kidnapping, assault with a deadly weapon and assault by strangulation.