

## **Office of Ross County Sheriff**

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## **News Release**

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Sheriff Lavender reports that his office was dispatched to a residence in the 100 block of Storts Road in reference to gunshots at approximately 12:30 a.m.

Deputies arrived on the scene and spoke to witnesses who stated that 25 year old John M. Smith of State Route 28 Frankfort had come to the residence and fired one shotgun round at a male at the residence. The male was not struck, however the blast went into the door of the residence.

Detectives were called to the scene and the investigation discovered that the assault was the result of a dispute over a female at the residence.

Deputies went to 7703 St Rt. 28 and located Mr. Smith. He was taken into custody and charged with Felonious Assault. Evidence was collected from the residence and this investigation is ongoing.

Mr. Smith is currently being held in the Ross County Jail under a \$50,000.00 bond.