

Travis Green held without bail following felony hearing on Tuesday

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Attorney Paul Dell and Travis Green in Cheektowaga Town Court on November 21st. (Jim Herr/Cheektowaga Chronicle)

CHEEKTOWAGA – Judge Paul Piotrowski found that sufficient evidence exists to hold Travis Green without bail while the district attorney’s office considers presenting his case to a grand jury.

Mr. Green’s attorney Paul Dell did not waive Tuesday’s Felony Hearing – an uncommon move made in Cheektowaga Town Court.

“I like to run these hearings just because you never know what might want to find out. I like a live witness and the judge did order (the DA) to turn over materials that they didn’t want to turn over,” said Mr. Dell.

“I learned what two live witnesses actually saw. From reading the newspapers and so on, all I knew was that it was a crowded parking lot – I didn’t know what it was – what I learned today was that this case is somewhere between reckless endangerment and an attempted murder. I don’t think it is an attempted murder,” added Mr. Dell.

Mr. Green is accused of opening fire at the Dollar General store on Gardenville Parkway last Tuesday wounding one person.

Three eyewitnesses testified during the hearing and their testimony was enough for Judge Piotrowski to order Travis Green to be held in custody at the Erie County Holding Center without bail.

Green's mother, Viola Green at one point during the hearing said out loud, "forgive him," and "take care Travis" as Cheektowaga Police lead him out of the courtroom at the conclusion of the hearing.

Mr. Dell says he doesn't think there was intent to kill and his defense is going to focus on Mr. Green's mental state during the attack.

"As far as what his mental state was when this happened, that's what I'm going to be doing from here and I'm sure I'm going to be getting a psychiatrist to talk to him," said Mr. Dell.

"Obviously there are some mental issues going on and I'm going to explore that as well. This is a 30-year-old man with no criminal history whatsoever. He's married, lives with his kids and he has always worked and something was going on in his head that day."

The district attorney's office has 45-days to present the case to a grand jury. If they don't do so Mr. Green must be released.