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## Suspect arraigned in shooting of 5-year-old girl

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*Rochester Hills* --Police say it's a miracle no other children were hurt when a convicted murderer, upset at his girlfriend, shot a 5-year-old girl in an Oxford Township trailer park this week.

But Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard says Keyon Timmons, 30, shouldn't have been paroled from prison to pull the trigger.

"He pointed a handgun at point-blank range and fired into the face of a 5-year-old child," Bouchard said. "I don't understand it."

Jordanya Barrett remains hospitalized in stable condition after she was shot in the doorway of a relative's home on Shumard Branch about 9:30 p.m. Wednesday. Four other children sat on a couch just feet away, and Bouchard said it's a wonder none was injured.

But he's upset the Pontiac man -- who was arraigned Friday in 52-3 District Court with intent to murder and seven other charges -- was released from prison before serving his maximum for second-degree murder.

Michigan prison records show Timmons was sentenced in 1997 to up to 15 years for second-degree murder and two years on a firearms charge. He was released in 2007 and due to end parole on Oct. 16, state records show.

"This is someone who shouldn't have been out on the street in the first place," Bouchard said.

State records show that Timmons served more than his minimum.

He wore orange jail garb and handcuffs Friday during his arraignment on eight charges, including assault with intent to murder and possession of a firearm by a felon.

Timmons was apparently angry at his 21-year-old girlfriend -- the victim's aunt -- and threatened to harm his girlfriend's mother or any other family whom he might encounter, according to Detective Gary Miller who read a police information report to District Judge Julie Nicholson prior to the arraignment.

After Nicholson read the charges, Timmons replied: "I understood the last couple (charges) you read. The first five you read I don't understand. I have no gun or anything like that."

Investigators are still searching for the handgun, which they believe was discarded somewhere between the shooting and a Kmart store in Lake Orion, a few miles away, where deputies arrested Timmons within minutes.

Timmons was ordered jailed without bond. A preliminary hearing is scheduled Tuesday.

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