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Ex-con facing charges in shooting of girl in Oxford Twp.

5-year-old in coma, gun not recovered

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Police say a man -- set to be arraigned today on charges that he shot a 5-year-old in the face during a domestic dispute in Oxford Township -- once served time on a second-degree murder charge.

The girl, shot Wednesday, is expected to survive. She was in a coma Thursday at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, according to the Oakland County Sheriff's Office.

The suspect, whose name was not released by authorities, is in the Oakland County Jail.

Sheriff Michael Bouchard said the man pleaded no contest in the late 1990s to the murder charge and was sentenced to 8 to 15 years in prison. Bouchard said the man was released in just over 7 years.

According to police, a 41-year-old woman called police just before 10:30 p.m. Wednesday and said her daughter's boyfriend threatened to shoot her. As the woman talked to a sheriff's deputy at the mobile home park, her daughter called and said she had been in a car accident.

After the woman and deputy left to go to the accident scene, the suspect pulled in, opened the trailer's door and shot the girl once, Bouchard said. The man was later arrested in Orion Township, but the gun has not been recovered.

Anyone with information is asked to call 888-887-6146.
