

## Attempted Murder Charges Filed After Stabbing Incident

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Attempted murder charges have been filed against a Westmoreland man after he stabbed a former business associate inside a Gallatin restaurant last Tuesday night. Jerry Dixon, age 66, was taken into custody by the Gallatin police on Wednesday, February 22nd after him and Ricky Troutt got into a fight at Longhorn's Steak House around 7:30 p.m. Tuesday night.

The restaurant is located at 1003 Nashville Pike.

Officer Bill Storment of the Gallatin Police Department said Dixon slashed 55-year-old Ricky Troutt in the neck, cheek and arm following a disagreement in the bar area of the restaurant.

Troutt was flown by an air transport to Vanderbilt Medical Center where he required surgery for life threatening injuries. Jerry Dixon was taken to Sumner County Medical Center where he was treated for minor injuries.

The police say that Dixon and Troutt were former business partners whose business relationship dissolved several years ago resulting in a court ordered settlement.

Dixon has been charged with attempted second degree murder and his bond was set at \$500,000. Authorities said this is an ongoing investigation and it is unknown at this time if further charges will be filed.

Jerry Dixon made bond and was released on February 24th at approximately 2:30 p.m.