

RISS GILMORE RELEASED SATURDAY

PRELIMINARY HEARING IN BOSWELL SUCH AS TO MOVE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO DISCHARGE

Evidence All in Favor of Defendant. Showed Him As Fighting in Self Defense.
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Following the examination of the witnesses in the preliminary hearing of Riss Gilmore at Boswell this morning the state moved to the court that the defendant be discharged from further trial. This the justice S.H. Downing, ordered.

Just one week ago Saturday morning about 1 o'clock Riss Gilmore was riding to Hale's store 11 miles north of Boswell where he was met in the road by Will Ross, accompanied by four men, one of whom was Alvin Ross, his brother.

According to most of the testimony Will Ross started the argument and was the aggressor from the first. It seems that he dismounted from his horse and ran up to Gilmore and attempted to strike him with the butt of his six shooter. Then the shooting began, Ross firing the first shot. When it was all over Ross had remounted and rode about seventy five yards and fell from his horse. Gilmore ran to a neighbor's house. Ross died twenty-four hours later from three wounds in his stomach. Gilmore was arrested and placed under bond.

The results of the preliminary hearing seemed to give general satisfaction in Boswell where Gilmore seems to have the sympathy of all.