

Aguayo makes court appearance: Preliminary hearing set for March 11

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A magistrate has set a March 11 preliminary hearing date for Christophe Aguayo, the 23-year-old Huron man charged with second-degree murder in a weekend shooting death.

Richard Bosque-gonzalez, 23, died from a single gunshot wound to the head at his residence shortly after 2 a.m. Sunday.

Second-degree murder carries a maximum penalty of life in prison. Aguayo also faces a felony charge of possession of a firearm by a felon, which has a maximum penalty of two years in prison and a \$4,000 fine.

Magistrate Lee Ann Pierce presided at Aguayo's initial court appearance Wednesday afternoon. The proceeding, during which she informed the defendant of his legal rights and the charges against him, lasted only a few minutes.

Aguayo is being represented by court-appointed attorney Carmen Means of Huron.

Huron police were summoned to Bosque-gonzalez's house at 360 Sixth St. S.W. after being alerted to a reported suicide. But a state Division of Criminal Investigation agent said in his report that, based on physical evidence and witness statements, it was determined that it was not a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Instead, the state contends that Aguayo was threatening suicide with a 9 mm handgun when Bosque-gonzalez tried to prevent that from happening and was shot by Aguayo.

The defendant is being held without bond at the Regional Correction Center.