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## Roanoke County teens back in N.Y. court

Two of the three Roanoke County teenagers accused of throwing paint cans off the roof of a Manhattan high-rise hotel were back in court this morning.

Brittany Goldberg, 17, and Sean McGhee, 18, appeared in criminal court in lower Manhattan with their attorneys, who told Judge James Gibbons that they were working out plea agreements with the district attorney's office. The case has been continued until Dec. 22.

Each faces a felony charge of criminal mischief and misdemeanor charges of assault and criminal trespass.

Tyler Moore, 18, the third teen charged in the case, also was supposed to appear in court. His attorney, Edward Sapone, told Gibbons that Moore was unable to appear due to his accelerated course schedule, and that the district attorney's office had agreed not to seek a bench warrant if he did not appear. Gibbons emphasized that Moore is facing a felony charge and said that if he had special school demands, he should have appeared at an earlier date to explain them.

However, Gibbons agreed to stay the bench warrant and continue Moore's case along with the others to Dec. 22.

The three teenagers were charged in May after seven 1-gallon paint cans were thrown from the roof of a 20-story hotel in New York. Moore and McGhee, Cave Spring High School seniors, and Goldberg, a Hidden Valley High School junior, were there on an art field trip.

The hotel was across from a police precinct. The falling cans did more than \$1,500 in damage to police vehicles and splashed paint in an officer's eye, New York police said.

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