

COURTS

September court date for accused in beating

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Three teens charged with attempted murder in the beating of a Newmarket boy will return to court again next month in preparation for a pre-trial hearing.

During a brief appearance at Newmarket court yesterday the three teens, who are free on bail, were ordered to return to court Sept. 9.

The court ordered a ban on publication of any evidence.

Due to the severity of the charge, the teens, who are 16 and 17-years-old, will be tried as adults, unless their lawyers can make a case before a judge that they should be tried as young offenders.

However, the family is concerned the charge may be reduced to aggravated assault as the Crown must be able to prove the teens showed intent to murder the boy.

Jonathan Wamback, 15, was in Ken Sturgeon Park in Newmarket's Stonehaven subdivision between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. June 29, when three youths confronted him near the public washrooms.

He suffered a severe head injury and was taken to the Hospital for Sick Children where he underwent brain surgery.

The teen is now at the Bloorview MacMillan rehabilitation hospital.

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JONATHAN WAMBACK
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