

Assault hearing set: Three men to face committal hearing, bail conditions varied

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THREE men charged when a teenager was allegedly repeatedly punched to the head after being the victim of a one-punch attack will face a three-day committal hearing in June.

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Ashley Kempton, 25, of Mildura, Riley Allen, 24, of Red Cliffs, and Daniel Adolph, 23, of Irymple, are all facing a charge of intentionally causing serious injury in circumstances of gross violence.

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If found guilty they face a mandatory four-year prison sentence.

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The trio faced Mildura Magistrates' Court on Tuesday where their lawyers applied to cross-examine nine witnesses at a committal hearing.

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Kempton's lawyer applied to vary his bail, which currently excludes him from all licensed-venues, so he can attend the Irymple Football Club clubrooms for team meetings and leadership purposes.

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Adolph's lawyer George Balot asked that his client's bail curfew of 9pm be extended to 10pm, so he could do things such as meet friends and go to the movies.

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He said bail shouldn't be used as a form of punishment and noted there had been no instances of non-compliance.

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The prosecution opposed the variation, citing the seriousness of the charges, but Magistrate Nunzio La Rosa decided to grant the application.

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A court was previously told that on July 26 last year, about 1am there was an exchange of punches between the three, before the victim attempted to flee, running on to the road.

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Police allege the victim was pursued by Allen and Kempton and struck to the face by Allen.

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Adolph allegedly approached the victim from behind and allegedly king-hit him to the side of the head before holding him in a bear-hug.

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As he was being held by Adolph, Allen and Kempton allegedly punched the victim repeatedly to the head, the court previously heard.

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Adolph let go of the victim, who fell face first on the road, when he realised he had been knocked unconscious before dragging the victim away and fleeing the scene, the court previously heard.

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The court was told the victim suffered an inoperable jaw injury in the alleged assault, sustaining a fractured eye socket, multiple fractures to his jaw protruding into his ear canal and a severe cut to his chin.