

# Mid-Missouri

## Cole County jury finds woman guilty of assault

A Cole County jury Monday found a Jefferson City woman guilty of assaulting another woman.

Etta Mae Rucker, 29, had been charged with felony assault, but jurors convicted her of a lesser misdemeanor assault charge.

Presiding Circuit Judge Byron Kinder ordered a presentence investigation for Ms. Rucker, who is free on bond.

Ms. Rucker stabbed a woman during an altercation that occurred about 12:40 a.m. May 31 in the 400 block of Lafayette Street.

The victim, who did not take the stand in the one-day trial, required three stitches to close the wound.

Officials said the incident involved between 25 and 40 women.

Ms. Rucker was the only person charged.