

**Pittsfield:**  
**Woman accused of  
bat assault released**

PITTSFIELD — A Dalton woman accused of striking her ex-boyfriend with a baseball bat — and then her car — was released on \$500 bail after her arraignment in Central Berkshire District Court.

Stephanie C. Caporale, 26, of Diamond Street pleaded not guilty Thursday to two counts of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, and to single charges of assault to murder, reckless operation of a motor vehicle and leaving the scene of a property damage accident.

Caporale allegedly assaulted the man, 29-year-old John Pierce, Wednesday afternoon in the parking lot of K&K Discount Liquors and Variety at 1220 North St.

Pierce told police that Caporale had struck him in the arm with the bat. According to witnesses, she then got into her black Dodge Neon, hit him with the vehicle, and fled the scene, according to police.

In court, defense attorney Joseph G. Vosit said Caporale contends there never was a baseball bat assault and she did not aim to strike Pierce with her car.

Pierce was taken by ambulance to Berkshire Medical Center, where he was treated and released.

Caporale was arrested Thursday morning.

She was arraigned by Judge Paul M. Vrabel.

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