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Teen Shot In Face Causes Changes To Juvy System

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CLEVELAND -- Changes are coming later today from Cuyahoga County in connection with the juvenile court system.

Johanna Orozco's ex-boyfriend is charged with pulling the trigger after she accused him of rape.

At the time of the shooting, Juan Ruiz was free on house arrest while he waited to face rape charges filed against him.

A magistrate released Ruiz because the juvenile detention center was at more than double its 72-bed capacity.



 Video: Teen To Have Jaw Reconstructed

Since the shooting, several lawmakers asked a group of experts from around the state to come up with ways to address the problems in the juvenile court.

They will announce their findings later today.

Attorney Alexandria Ruden has been working to come up with solutions.

She said teens need a better way to access resources in juvenile justice system.

"I think the greatest gap is in victims who are teens requesting protection orders and knowing where to get the protection order and which court," said Ruden, of the Cleveland Legal Aid Society.

One of the main topics Ruden and the rest of the group of experts will tackle is domestic violence among teens.

Johanna is still in the hospital and she is doing better. She was shot in the face and will need to have several surgeries.

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