

EXCLUSIVE: Man Wanted For Multiple High Speed Chases Was On Probation For, You Guessed It, A High Speed Chase

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A 20-year old Milwaukee man sought after allegedly leading police on two chaotic high speed chases in southern Milwaukee County was free because he was given probation only weeks earlier for a felony conviction for doing the same thing.

Court records indicate Daniel C. Hernandez was given a suspended sentence and placed on probation March 29 by Milwaukee County Circuit Judge Dennis Cimpl after being convicted of a felony charge of fleeing and eluding. According to the criminal complaint in a new case, Hernandez almost immediately resumed a wild and dangerous crime spree filled with more chases.

Police say Hernandez and another defendant, 17-year old Jonathan Isaac Gonzalez of Oak Creek, were involved in stealing an Audi Q5 and Lincoln MKZ on May 28. Later that same night, the vehicles were seen at a high rate of speed in a Franklin subdivision shortly after midnight (now May 29). A lengthy high speed chase ensued with speeds reaching 100 miles an hour. The cars traveled into Greenfield and the Audi, allegedly driven by Hernandez, blew out its tires after running over stop sticks deployed by police. The complaint says Hernandez jumped out of the Audi and got into the Lincoln.

The complaint alleges Hernandez was later involved in another chase when he was driving the Lincoln that eluded the original chase. Hernandez was finally caught after this chase which ended near 43rd and Mitchell in Milwaukee.

The two car thefts came only one day after, according to the complaint, Hernandez and Gonzalez stole other cars in Greenfield and Oak Creek.

The two were not charged with the latest thefts and chases until Friday June 7 and court records indicate Hernandez is again not in custody. It is not clear where he is although he may have been released after the latest chase.

The crime spree May 27-29 which included the alleged multiple car thefts and chases occurred only two months after Judge Cimpl agreed to let Hernandez walk out of court with no jail time following his conviction for the first chase he was convicted of. Hernandez is evidently on the loose right now. If he's caught, let's hope he appears before a judge with better judgment than Dennis Cimpl.

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