

I have learned that a 19-year old Milwaukee man accused of a carjacking near 3rd and Wisconsin October 12 was given probation in 2016 after being convicted of a felony for taking part in attack on staff at the Lincoln Hills juvenile prison in northern Wisconsin. Although juvenile records are confidential, I can report that Lamar Smalls was being held at Lincoln Hills when he was charged as an adult with taking part in an assault on Lincoln Hills staff. Smalls was convicted in adult court in Lincoln County of felony battery in January of last year. Despite the felony conviction, and Smalls' juvenile records, Lincoln County Circuit Judge Jay Tlusty sentenced Smalls to three years probation. One of the terms of probation was no possession of a weapon. As a felon, Smalls was barred from weapons possession anyway.

According to the new charges, Smalls and Cazionn Williams, also of Milwaukee, pulled a gun on a man who had just parked in the parking structure near a downtown hotel. The man ran away. The criminal complaint says shortly after that two women loading their cars near 3rd and Wisconsin were attacked, with one being hit in the face. The men allegedly stole their car. They were arrested in Glendale after a chase. The dopey Lincoln County Judge who gave Smalls probation after his attack on the prison staff has not responded to my questions.

The other defendant, Williams, was already facing misdemeanor battery charges of his own. He was free on bond in Milwaukee County on that charge. Williams violated the terms of his bond when arrested for driving without a license in August in Washington County. The judge in that case, Andrew Gonring, also released Williams, this time on a signature bond. The information on Williams was obtained from state online court files.

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