

A man who eluded authorities for 18 months while wanted for allegedly murdering his ex-girlfriend's new boyfriend was released last month on a signature bond set by Milwaukee County Circuit Judge Carolina Stark. A signature bond means you are released merely by signing your name and without having to post cash. Now, in the middle of his trial, the accused killer, Dwayne Chaney has bolted. The trial is continuing without him.

How does a man accused of first degree intentional homicide get released on a signature bond? This is the ongoing insanity of a Milwaukee County court system that seems to have lost its mind. Chaney is accused of the November 2015 murder of Michael Prescott on North 12th Street in Milwaukee. Prescott had been dating Chaney's ex-girlfriend. US Marshalls located Chaney 18 months later and he turned him over to Milwaukee County authorities. The judge in the case, Stark released him on a \$250,000 signature bond in September.

The trial began this week after a bench warrant was obtained to force the appearance of the former girlfriend. Chaney has been wearing an electronic GPS bracelet. According to court records and a report by Channel 12, Chaney took off the bracelet Thursday morning. He did not appear in court yesterday or today and a felony warrant is out for him. The trial is continuing in his absence. In the meantime, a man who could within hours be convicted of homicide is now on the loose thanks to the decision of a judge to release him without having to post a penny.

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