

MAN ARRESTED FOR ATTACKING POLICE DURING SEX ASSAULT INVESTIGATION AT FRANK NITTY'S RESIDENCE

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Milwaukee Police arrested a man for allegedly punching a police officer yesterday while they were at the home of prominent activist Frank "Nitty" investigating a woman's allegation of sexual assault.

No one has been charged as of this writing. Police sources say they were attempting to question a suspect at the home of Nitty, whose real name is Frank Sensabaugh, after a woman told police she was sexually assaulted several days earlier. Police reports indicate another man, 37-year old Orsino Thurman, arrived at Nitty's residence in the 1500 block of North Jefferson Street and interfered with the investigation.

The reports state that Thurman punched a police officer. That officer was treated and released at Columbia St. Mary's Hospital. Thurman was taken into custody but has not been charged. No charges have been filed against the man accused by the woman of sexual assault. The investigation into that allegation is continuing.

Deputy Milwaukee County District Attorney Kent Lovern tells me neither the sexual assault case nor the assault against the police officer have been referred to the DA's office but he expects that will happen this week.

The police reports indicate Thurman lashed out at the officers while Nitty was being led to a squad car. A video of the alleged assault and the questioning of Nitty has been posted on Nitty's Facebook page.

"Nitty" is an extremely well known protest leader in Milwaukee who recently led a "walk" to Washington DC to protest police violence. He has been prominent in a number of Milwaukee protests and was arrested during one of them. Nitty is a polarizing figure in the local protest community and many activists have gravitated toward protests led by others in the city, including Vaun Mayes.

During Nitty's recent highly publicized "walk" to Washington, he raised on GoFundMe a large sum of money to support his efforts. He also has an outstanding child support judgment against him.

All of "Nitty's" court filings are under his legal name Frank Sensabaugh. He started calling himself "Frank Nitty" years ago. The name is similar to a notorious associate of the 1930s Chicago crime boss Al Capone.

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