

EXCLUSIVE: Waukesha County DA Takes Responsibility For Release Of Career Criminal Charged With Death Of Milwaukee Toddler
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Waukesha County District Attorney Sue Opper is admitting her office botched the case of an accused armed robber now charged with homicide in the death of a Milwaukee boy. The child died only two days after the man, Devon Armour, was released on a signature bond in Waukesha County.

Armour was charged in Waukesha with party to an armed robbery. He was already under state supervision for earlier crimes. Court Commissioner Linda Saafir released Armour on a signature bond, meaning he didn't have to put up any cash.

Two days later, a three year old Milwaukee boy, Cire Walker, died last Saturday after picking up a loaded gun and shooting himself. Milwaukee authorities say the gun belonged to Armour, who was visiting at the home. Armour admitted buying the gun only days earlier. As a felon, he was not legally allowed to have a gun.

DA Opper acknowledged to me that her office mishandled the case and that the result is tragic. She does stress that while her office recommended the signature bond that it was still Commissioner Saafir's decision. I have long criticized the minimal, or zero, bail required by Waukesha County Court Commissioners. Saafir herself only two months ago set minimal bail for a man charged with his eighth OWI while free on bail for his seventh OWI. As for the DA's office, it sets such a low priority on bail hearings that it routinely sends interns to represent the office, a practice that pre-dates Opper's tenure.

Not one Waukesha County elected official or law enforcement official has criticized either Opper or Saafir for their tragic bungling of the Armour case.

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