

La Crosse was not the scheduled destination for this rail rider...

Julian Rowland of Missouri was taken off the Empire Builder at the La Crosse depot this weekend after getting into a fight with a conductor when he couldn't pay for food in the dining car. Rowland also kicked a La Crosse city cop when he resisted arrest.

Judge Ramona Gonzalez told Rowland in court on Monday that they would try to get him on a train to Chicago, so he could use a return ticket to his hometown. The D-A's office proposed a deal for Rowland to plead to resisting arrest, so he could be sent on his way. A charge of disorderly conduct would be dropped, as part of the deal.