

Two different ways to deal with small time pot possession. A few years back the LaCrosse county board changed an ordinance giving cops and prosecutors the option to ticket someone a hundred bucks for a first time bust. Instead, LaCrosse D.A. Tim Gruenke continues to charge possession as a crime with offenders getting their records clear if they go through an assessment. County board chair Steve Doyle doesn't have a huge problem with the way the district attorney handles the situation. But, Doyle says the D.A.'s plan has one weakness. If they charge minor possession as a crime any money from fines goes to the state. Charging it as an ordinance violation keeps the money here in LaCrosse county.