

A La Crosse area man who's in a mental hospital for attacking a cop may be forced to have medication in the hospital...

A doctor from the Mendota Institute tells Judge Dale Pasell that Joseph Smith's illness has gotten worse. The medication Smith was taking is not working on him now, and the doctor wants to try other medicines. Pasell gives the hospital permission to give Smith those new drugs involuntarily, because he is not competent now. Five years ago this spring, Smith stabbed and wounded a La Crosse policeman in the chest with a screwdriver during a traffic stop. He was hospitalized for four years, and was briefly released into the public last year before his illness became worse.