

Nine years ago, a La Crosse man dying of cancer was attacked in his home by intruders who wanted to steal his medicine.

The intruders were charged with reckless homicide for hastening the man's death, and one of them...Michael Melby...reached a plea agreement and got 30 years in prison. Melby's term was shortened at a later hearing, but last year he asked for yet another hearing, claiming the judge didn't tell him that other charges might affect his sentence. A state appeals court doesn't buy that argument, and is rejecting Melby's appeal. The appeals judges say the circuit court correctly informed Melby about the charges he faced, and how his sentence might be influenced by them.