

Since April Keith Marchbanks has been under guard at a LaCrosse hospital. Marchbanks was shot by a police officer during a confrontation. Sheriff Steve Helgeson feels it's necessary to keep Marchbanks under 24 hour guard because he's facing 4 counts of attempted murder. Helgeson says the guards are there to protect hospital staff. By using reserve deputies to guard Marchbanks the county has already spent about 25 grand. The sheriff says it would have been more like 68 thousand if he would have given these duties to his full time staff.