

## Smith Withdraws Request For Hospital Release

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A Holmen man won't be getting out of a state hospital any time soon...and that's by his own choice.

Joseph Smith has withdrawn his latest request for conditional release from the Mendota institute. Court records indicate that doctors who recently examined Smith do not appear to favor his release. Seven years ago, Smith attacked a La Crosse policeman with a screwdriver, after officers stopped the car he was riding in. He was released briefly in 2010, but returned to the hospital after having hallucinations about police.