

## **Cop Attacker Gets Another Release Hearing In January**

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First, a doctor's exam...then, another date in court.

Joseph Smith of Holmen again is going through a familiar routine, in hopes of being freed from a mental hospital. Judge Dale Pasell has assigned a doctor to study Smith, and then file a report for a January 31st court hearing. Smith was committed to the Mendota hospital after wounding a La Crosse police officer with a screwdriver in 2006. He requested release earlier this year, but withdrew the request when doctors seemed to be against letting him out.