

Some crime suspects in Wisconsin argue that it's not legal for judges to charge them, if the judge doesn't hear direct testimony from victims.

But the state Supreme Court says hearsay evidence is legal, if presented during a pre-trial hearing. The high court ruling allowing second-hand testimony from police is supported by La Crosse D-A Tim Gruenke:

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Gruenke tells us that some other counties don't even get police to testify, and may simply read aloud from criminal complaints at preliminary hearings.