

Armed Robbery Spoils Birthday

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There are plenty of ways to celebrate a birthday. Getting robbed at gunpoint is probably not one of the best ones. But that's exactly what La Crosse police say happened to a Holmen middle schooler on New Year's Eve. They say he was cased, stalked, and then accosted in the parking lot of the High Rollers Skating Rink on La Crosse southside. A couple punks with blaze orange hats, cops say, held up the middle schooler with a BB gun. They got 45 bucks. But he got a picture of one of the thugs with his cell phone. Police have charged 17 Leon Hesser-Thompson with armed robbery as an adult. A 16 year-old boy is charged as a child.