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Criminal History of Suspect in Children's Hospital Incident Demonstrates the Failure of Soft on Crime Policies



Milwaukee, WI – Ashanti Hendricks, the repeat felon who took a gun into a neonatal care unit at Children's Hospital last week and caused police to have to shoot him, represents a classic case of recidivism via lenient sentencing by Milwaukee County judges. Every time this guy was slapped on the wrist he went out and engaged in the same felonious behavior, because he was *rewarded* for previous criminal involvement instead of *punished*.

We continually hear baseless liberal claims that our prisons are filled with low-level *non-violent* drug offenders. If that were true, then Hendricks would be in prison. Hendricks has never seen the inside of a state prison, even after his continued felony convictions. Hendricks is the more typical drug offender and dealer that police confront, who will not change his behavior because a soft-on-crime criminal justice system gives him no reason to change.

Even after a felony conviction and a judge's warning that he cannot possess a firearm, he does so anyway. Why not, what's the worst that will happen? More probation, job training, drug counseling and a short bed and breakfast sentence in the county jail with release for Huber, even though most offenders are not employed to begin with.

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These coddlers of criminals make rhetorical and anecdotal claims that their social engineering experiments work, but present no empirical evidence, and get no pushback from an accommodating biased media that supports revolving jail door policies. This racist and discriminating blunt instrument called leniency, that claims additional poor, minority victims, does not recognize the imperatives of public safety or the law of unintended consequences.

These liberal, perverse claims that these erroneously-named *second chance* programs work to improve public safety, not harm it, and save money, are based not on true findings of fact, but on their agenda-driven policy preferences.

SEE ASHANTI HENDRICKS' ADULT CRIMINAL HISTORY BELOW

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1. **Jan 6, 2009**-Possess w/intent to deliver Gamma-Hydroxybutyric and Probation Violation-Turned over to Probation, Possess w/ intent (Dismissed Read in)-MPD

**Judge
Stamper**

Defendant Ashanti Len Hendricks in court with attorney Richard J Carpenter. Deputy Court Clerk: Pursuant to plea negotiations and on motion of the State, Court ordered case dismissed and read-in to case 09CF001526 for the purposes of sentencing. **(FELONY- POTENTIAL 15-YEARS IMPRISONMENT)**

2. **March 25, 2009**-Possess w/intent cocaine (Convicted), Poss of THC (Dismissed), Bail Jumping-Felony(Convicted), Resisting and Obstructing (Dismissed), Loitering and Prowling (Disposition not reported)-MPD

**Judge
Stamper**

.AS TO COUNT 1: Court ordered defendant to serve 1 year in the House of Correction, consecutive, with 0 days credit for time served, with huber for work and treatment. . COURT IMPOSED BUT STAYED the sentence and placed defendant on Probation with the State of Wisconsin, Department of Corrections for a period of 1 year with the following conditions: -AODA assessment and treatment. -No illegal drug use. -Random urine screens. -Seek and maintain employment. -Obtain GED, HSED or diploma.

AS TO COUNT 2: The Court ordered defendant to serve 6 months in the House of Correction, consecutive to any other sentence, with credit for 56 days time served, STRAIGHT TIME. . Court advised defendant that as a convicted felon he/she may never possess a firearm. Defendant to provide a DNA sample for the Data Bank and pay all appropriate costs during probation. **(FELONIES- POTENTIAL 19 YEARS, 8 MONTHS IMPRISONMENT)**

3. **Dec 5, 2009**-Poss of THC-2nd or Sub offense (Convicted), Felony Probation Violation, Disorderly Conduct (Disposition not reported)-MPD

Judge Jean DiMotto

The court ordered defendant to serve **100 DAYS in the House of Correction**, consecutive to any other sentence, with credit for 0 days time served. Court ordered defendant to provide DNA sample unless previously provided. The Court **WAIVED ALL** surcharges, costs and assessments. **(FELONY – POTENTIAL 3 YEARS, 6 MONTHS IMPRISONMENT)**

4. **Oct 31, 2011**-Possess Marijuana <25 grams, Receiving stolen property
(Dismissed)-MPD (Potential 9 months in jail)
5. **Nov 12, 2011**-Poss of THC -Convicted; Poss of Amphet/LSD-Dismissed-MPD

Judge Sankovitz

AS TO COUNT 1: Court sentenced defendant to serve **60 DAYS in the House of Correction CONSECUTIVE** to any sentence with credit for 23 days served; **Huber privileges for work, job search and school**. Court recommends against electronic monitoring. Court ordered defendant to pay **ALL COSTS and SURCHARGES**, bail on deposit to apply and balance as condition of extended supervision. Court ordered defendant to provide a DNA sample - surcharge waived. **Court advised defendant that as a convicted felon he may not possess firearms.**
(FELONY – POTENTIAL 4 YEARS, 3 MONTHS IMPRISONMENT)

6. **Jan 5, 2012**- Failure to Appear x2, Resisting and Obstructing, Fleeing/Eluding-
No Prosecution-MPD **(POTENTIAL 11 YEARS, 2 MONTHS IMPRISONMENT)**
7. **March 13, 2012**-Take and Drive w/o consent-Dispo not reported-MPD
(FELONY - POTENTIAL 6 YEARS IMPRISONMENT)
8. **Dec 3, 2012**-Felon in Poss of Firearm, Poss of THC +2, carrying a concealed
weapon (Dismissed) , Fleeing Eluding, Receiving stolen property (No prosecution)
BENCH WARRANT issued on 10-30-12.

Judge Watts

Defendant failing to appear, Court ordered a bench warrant to be issued. State's motion for Judgment of Bond Forfeiture 30 days after notification from Clerk of Circuit Court's Office is granted by the Court. Court makes findings that there is no possible victim identified therefore recompense is not an issue. **COURT ORDERED DEFENDANT REMANDED TO THE JUDGE ON RETURN OF THE BENCH WARRANT.**
(FELONIES- POTENTIAL 24 YEARS, 6 MONTHS IMPRISONMENT)

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