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County Lawyer Assaulted at Courthouse After Court Hearing Deputy at Courthouse Security Checkpoint Pursues and Apprehends Subject



Robert E. Baker

Milwaukee, WI – On Monday, an attorney with the county Corporation Counsel Office was assaulted as he returned to his office after a hearing involving the subject in Civil Court.

Robert E. Baker, age 59, of Milwaukee, faces a felony charge of Substantial Battery (With Intent to Cause Bodily Harm), with a maximum penalty of up to three and a half years in prison. Baker punched the attorney several times and struck him in the head with a metal object, causing a laceration.

Statement from Sheriff Clarke:

“Family and Civil courts present situations that are volatile and emotional. They can lead to assaults and other disturbances, such as what happened on Monday. This is precisely why I have instituted armed security at our courthouse checkpoints - to prevent people involved in these cases from bringing weapons into the building.

Contrary to County Executive Chris Abele’s and District Attorney John Chisholm’s claims that the deputies are just standing there doing nothing, those armed deputies serve as a deterrent to weapons getting passed the perimeter of the courthouse complex. In fact, one of the checkpoint deputies pursued and caught the actor as he fled the courthouse. Had that officer not have been there, this actor would have gotten away, causing us to use more time and resources to apprehend him.”

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