

## **Cop Attacker Makes New Request For Release From Hospital**

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There's a new request to release a Holmen man who's in a state hospital for the stabbing of a La Crosse police officer.

The petition from Joseph Smith has just been received by Judge Dale Pasell's office. Smith withdrew a similar request in July, after two doctors found no apparent change in his mental condition. In 2006, Smith wounded Officer Jon Wenger by stabbing him in the chest with a screwdriver. Smith was released for a brief time three years ago. He was denied a chance at release at a hearing late last year.