

Serial Retail Theft Suspect: Milwaukee DA Fails to Charge at Least 14 Cases [NO PROCESS FILES]



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A Milwaukee man has been making the rounds, allegedly stealing thousands of dollars in power tools 14 times from various Home Depot stores throughout the area since August 2021, but the Milwaukee County DA's office hasn't charged any of them.

In fact, DA John Chisholm's office hasn't even bothered to review the oldest cases at all yet, even though the office got the first referral from Milwaukee police more than five months ago.

The suspect's name is Willie McDaniels, DOB June 10, 1982, we've learned.

Three other counties have open felony retail theft cases against McDaniels; but in Milwaukee? The DA's allowing him to allegedly keep doing it. Fourteen times.

Milwaukee police first referred the man for felony retail theft charges in August, but, five months later, as of late December 2021, the DA's office hadn't bothered to make any charging decision at all. Since that time, police have kept referring new charges - there are now 14 referrals for felony charges in all because the man allegedly keeps doing it - but still nothing from the DA.

That's according to information Wisconsin Right Now received from multiple courthouse sources, and we've seen documentation to back it up. We're not revealing the sources' names for their own protection.

Interestingly, Willie McDaniels is also operating in other counties, and they've charged him.

Racine County has an open felony case against him, filed Dec. 6, for felony retail theft. It says there's a warrant for his arrest and gives a Milwaukee address.

On Nov. 22, Ozaukee County filed a felony retail theft against him too. Again, a warrant was issued.

He's a felon for a 2000 Milwaukee case of robbery with threat or force and substantial battery.

Willie McDaniels CCAP

Milwaukee County Case Number 2000CF004439 State of Wisconsin vs. Willie C. McDaniels

Case summary				
Filing date 09-05-2000	Case type Criminal	Case status Closed		
Defendant date of birth 06-10-1982	Address 2500 W Juneau Milwaukee, WI 53233	Branch ID 13	DA case number 00XF6194	
Charges				
Responsible official Marian, Victor	Prosecuting agency District Attorney	Prosecuting agency attorney McGowan, Patricia Ann		
Defendant owes the court: \$0.00				
Count no.	Statute	Description	Severity	Disposition
1	943.32(1)(b)	Robbery With Threat of Force	Felony C	Found Not Guilty at Jury Trial
Modifier	939.05	Party to a Crime		
2	940.19(2)	Substantial Battery Intend Bodily Harm	Felony E	Found Guilty at Jury Trial
Modifier	939.05	Party to a Crime		

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Willie McDaniels is wanted on numerous active warrants in all of the cases. Sources allege the man has stolen over \$25,000 in tools from area Home Depots. “The 1st case was back in August and has yet to even been reviewed by the DA’s office,” said one of our courthouse sources.

It’s part of a national trend, where, especially out in California, so-called “smash-and-grabs” are treated with a blind eye by woke district attorneys. In Milwaukee, though, DA John Chisholm hasn’t announced a change in retail theft policy, and these cases would be felonies if charged; yet, this case indicates either an unwillingness to prosecute large retail theft cases or a backlogged DA’s office that is imperiling public safety by letting referrals from police languish while repeat criminals offend again.

Chisholm admitted to Wisconsin Right Now that his office has a backlog during a hallway interview. Chisholm admitted to us, “We have backlogs in everything.”

Chisholm revealed in that interview that officials were using a previously unreported process – which he blamed on COVID – to hand many arrested suspects “summons” (a notice) to come to court for their first appearance, rather than book them into the jail and requiring them to bail them out at all.

That means that many offenders were left on the streets after their arrests, and it was left to them to do the right thing and show up for their first court appearance. He’s also under fire for his assistant’s low bail amount in the Darrell Brooks’ case. And, as we previously reported, the DA’s office is not charging about 60% of felony cases referred by police, a massive waste of police resources that is also dangerous to the community.

But this case highlights another problem: The DA isn’t even making a charging decision at all for months, leaving criminals on the streets.

It comes at a time of skyrocketing crime in Milwaukee.