

Felony Charge Against Ernest Richard Smith Dropped 12 Days Before Jeff Dahmer's "Trial"



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Ernest Richard Smith (alleged victim "Eddie Smith") was facing up to 15 years in prison for committing a Class E Felony:

Case summary

Filing date
11-10-1989

Defendant date of birth
05-23-1959

Case type
Criminal

Address
3606A N 11TH STREET, MILWAUKEE, WI 53210

Case status
Closed

Branch ID
38

DA case number
210006805

Charges

Responsible official
Wagner-38, Jeffrey A.

Prosecuting agency

Prosecuting agency attorney

Printable

Defendant owes the court: \$0.00

Count no.	Statute	Description	Severity	Disposition
1	943.32(a)			

View history and details of charges/sentences

Defendant

Defendant name
Smith, Ernest Ricardo

Date of birth
05-23-1959

Sex
Male

Race 🏿
African American

Address (last updated 11-10-1989)
3606A N 11TH STREET, MILWAUKEE, WI 53210

JUSTIS ID
00183205

Fingerprint ID

Court record

Date	Event	Court official	Court reporter	Amount
11-16-2017	Records of prosec. are converted data. See file.			
01-31-1998	This converted data may be incorrect. See file.			
01-15-1992	Charge disposition entered			
01-15-1992	Dispositional order/judgment	Wedemeyer, Ted E.		
11-10-1989	Converted case opening event			

Ernest Richard Smith, alleged Jeff Dahmer victim "Eddie Smith", robbery charge

943.32 Robbery.

(1) Whoever, with intent to steal, takes property from the person or presence of the owner by either of the following means is guilty of a Class E felony:

(a) By using force against the person of the owner with intent thereby to overcome his or her physical resistance or physical power of resistance to the taking or carrying away of the property; or

What is the sentence for a Class E felony in Wisconsin?

Class E felonies are punishable by up to 15 years in state prison, a maximum fine of \$50,000, or both (Wis. Stat. § 939.50.) As with other felonies, a prior record of felonies or misdemeanors can increase your prison sentence.

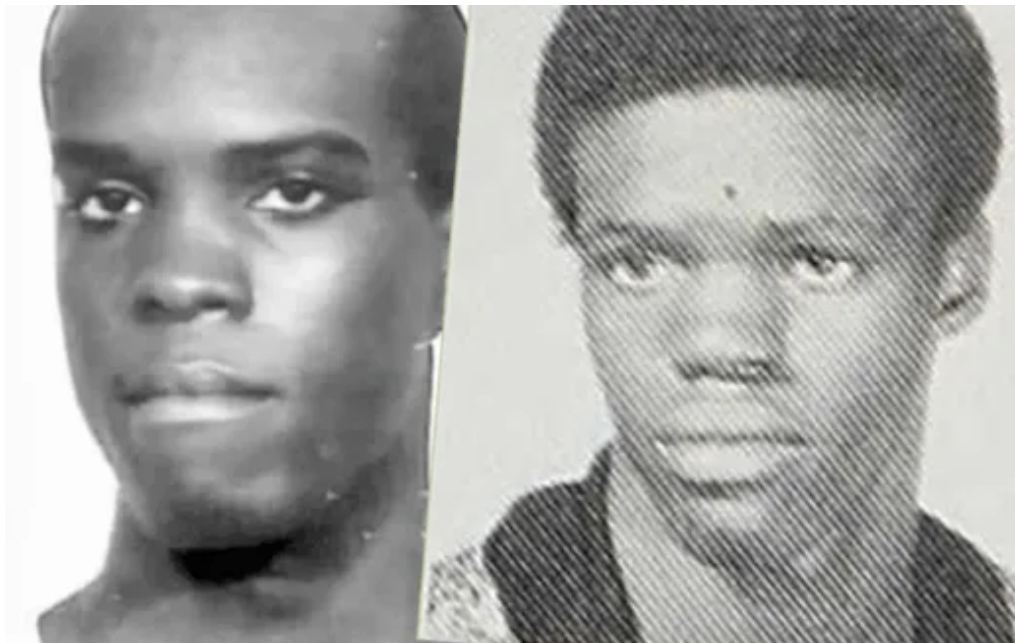
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12 days before Jeff Dahmer's "trial" the charge was dropped:

Milwaukee County Case Number 1989CF893588 State of Wisconsin vs. Ernest Ricardo Smith

One or more other charges in this case were dismissed. The dismissed charges were not proven and have no legal effect. Ernest Ricardo Smith is presumed innocent of the dismissed charges.

"Ernest Ricardo Smith is presumed innocent of the dismissed charges."



Alleged Jeff Dahmer victim "Eddie Smith" (left) and Ernest Richard Smith in his high school yearbook (right)



Alleged Jeff Dahmer victim "Eddie Smith" (left), Ernest Richard Smith (middle),
"Eddie Smith" (right)



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