

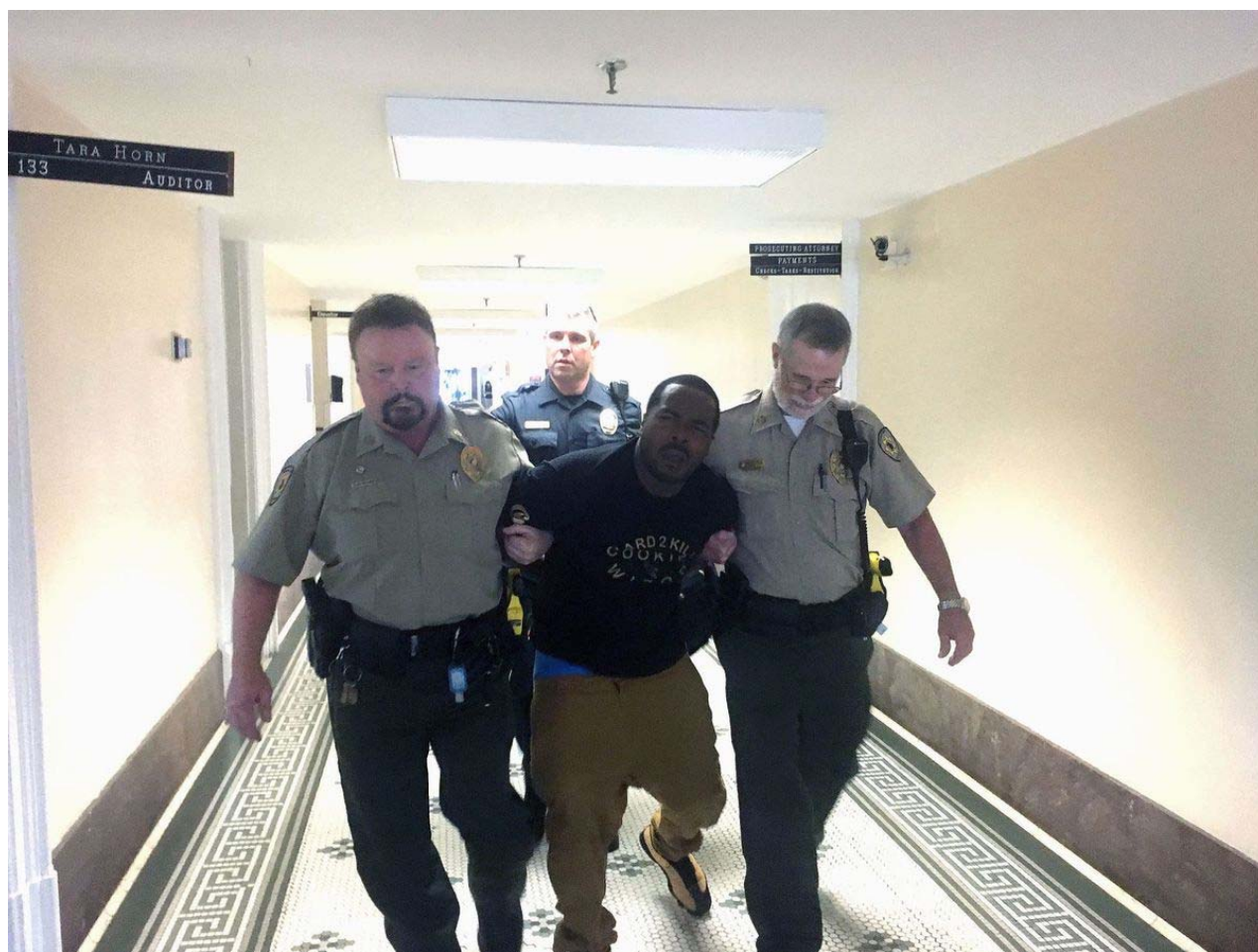
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Man bolts from courtroom during sentencing

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Court marshal Mike Aspey, left, and Marshal Larry Wion, right, escort Kelvin Starr to jail after his failed attempt at escape from the Buchanan County Courthouse.

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A sentencing hearing Monday morning was anything but normal when the defendant attempted to escape the courthouse.

Kelvin Starr, 34, of Independence, Missouri, stood before Buchanan County Circuit Judge Patrick Robb at about 11:05 a.m. to be sentenced on a felony forgery charge. Suddenly, Starr turned and bolted toward the courtroom entrance.

He rammed into Court Marshal Michael Aspey, said Ron Holliday, the assistant Buchanan County prosecutor.

Aspey raced after Starr while simultaneously putting out an alert. The pair ran down the west third-floor hallway toward Judge Keith Marquart's courtroom with Starr screaming. Starr they took a stairwell toward the first floor.

Starr is known to have jumped off of at least one stairwell to steps further below. He bolted through the first-floor door and turned toward the locked west doors of the Buchanan County Courthouse.

Marshal Larry Wion heard the alert and ensuing commotion. He left the front door area and joined Aspey in the chase, which ended as the three slammed into the west courthouse doors.

Starr was taken into custody. He complained of not being able to see.

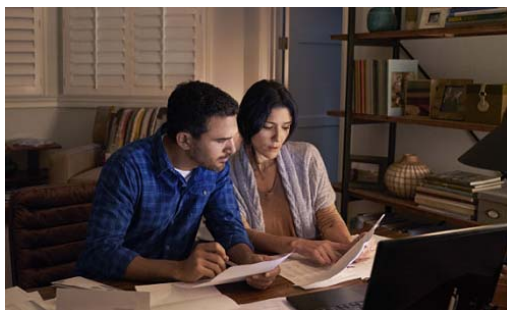
The two marshals, who held Starr upright, returned him to Robb's courtroom.

Robb informed the defendant probation wouldn't be appropriate and sentenced the man to five years in prison. Starr complained that he was supposed to get probation and would have asked for a trial if he'd known he was going to prison.

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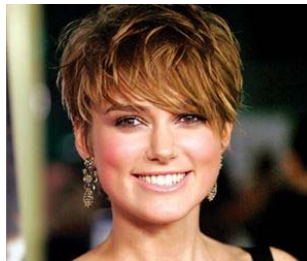
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