

Statement of Events by Charles Summers

Facts from Discovery:

Defendant allegedly entered Walmart and placed a \$60 space heater in a cart. He attempted to walk out of the store when a Loss Prevention Officer, Jasper Evans, grabbed the cart to stop him. Defendant pulled out a knife, left the cart where it was, and fled.

Additional notes from the defense attorney's file:

Mr. Summers is a single father with two children. He lost his job, working at a janitorial service through a temp agency, as a result of being arrested for this offense. He tells you that he attempted to steal the space heater because his apartment's HVAC was broken and it was freezing outside.

He did pull out a knife, but it was a pocket knife with a 3-inch blade. He says that he never intended to threaten anyone, and in fact, the loss prevention officer was in plain clothes and he did not know who was putting his hand on his cart when he was leaving the store. He says he never used the knife to get away with the heater. He says he only pulled the knife out to protect himself and when he realized it was an employee of Wal-Mart, he backed away.

He wants any plea offer that will allow him to be released from jail (i.e., probation or time served).