

Man Enters "Not Responsible" Plea in Thruway Chase

Monroe County man accused of running a state trooper off the road during a high-speed chase on the New York State Thruway disposed of the case today in Syracuse with a plea under the state's insanity law.

Jesse A. Corson, 26, of Honeoye Falls, pleaded "not responsible by reason of mental disease or defect" to a battery of charges from the April 28 incident.

He was charged with second-degree assault, first-degree reckless endangerment, second-degree criminal mischief, third-degree unlawfully fleeing a police officer, resisting arrest, reckless driving and speeding.

Early in the case, defense lawyer Donald Kelly said Corson was in the midst of a "psychotic episode" at the time and was not acting intentionally or with depraved indifference to human life. He'd also said Corson had a history of mental health issues and could offer no explanation for his conduct in leading police on the Thruway chase.

Assistant District Attorney Michael Kasmarek said the prosecution conceded the defense had sufficient evidence to support the "not responsible" plea without subjecting Corson to a further psychiatric evaluation by a prosecution doctor.

Kasmarek reported in court that Corson apparently believed he was in a scene from "The Matrix" and that he was going to pass right through the patrol vehicle when he struck it. The prosecutor also said Corson believed he could communicate telepathically with animals and other people.

Corson was hospitalized three years ago after having a similar episode, the prosecutor said.

Corson could have faced up to seven years in state prison for a criminal conviction. He now faces a review of his condition by the state Department of Mental Health to determine if he is mentally ill and, if so, if he is a danger to himself or others.

Kelly said he expects doctors will find Corson is no threat as long as he is on his prescribed medication.

State Supreme Court Justice John Brunetti today allowed Corson to remain free until Tuesday when the defendant must surrender in court to be placed in the custody of state mental health officials until a current psychiatric evaluation can be conducted.

The defense has said Corson walked out of work at a Best Buy store that day in April, got into his 2012 pickup truck and began speeding down the Thruway for no known reason.

State police had begun chasing Corson's pickup in Cayuga County and the chase continued through Onondaga, Madison and Oneida counties before ending in the Utica area when a tire-deflation device was used to flatten all four tires on the truck.

In passing through Onondaga County, Corson rammed Trooper Paul Noyes' patrol car, forcing the vehicle to flip over several times off the side of the road in the town of Van Buren. The assault charge related to the injuries Noyes sustained in the crash that occurred in the vicinity of exit 39 near the New York State Fairgrounds.

Kasmarek said Noyes suffered a concussion, a back injury and multiple cuts and bruises.

The reckless endangerment charge accused Corson of jeopardizing the lives of Noyes, a couple other troopers and other motorists on the highway as he drove at speeds up to 110 mph during the incident.

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"LITERALLY THE BEST MONEY I EVER SPENT!!!! The USAF charged my son with Article 92, Violate General Order and Article 128, Simple Assault. I spoke to many attorneys who said to me, "Your son will be convicted of the Simple Assault because putting lotion on someone's face is considered an assault as it is an unwanted touch." They all wanted me to work on a plea deal with the government that ended with my son being discharged, spending time in the brig and having a federal conviction for the rest of his life. Knowing that this just didn't warrant a federal conviction, bad conduct discharge and time in the brig, I was on a search to find an attorney who would look at this case for what it was: a couple of 19-21 year-old immature young men horse playing. I was looking for someone who would say something different; someone who would be able to look at the case from more than one view. When I spoke to Mr. Rinckey, I thought I was going to get the same ole speech, but to my surprise, I IMMEDIATELY felt at ease and I knew right then that he was going to be my attorney (not sure if he knew it at this time). He took on this case with vigor and ZERO FEAR of the government! He wanted them to know that this was NOT going to go away with any plea deal! And he went to work! Then, LITERALLY 2 DAYS BEFORE trail the government added an additional charge, which was Article 134, Unlawful Entry. Mr. Rinckey stayed focused, developed a plan, and off to trail we went. He was so prepared, calm and at ease. I remember him saying to me, "I am ready to try this case." And yesterday – 14 APR 2016 – my son was found NOT GUILTY on ALL CHARGES AND SPECIFICATIONS!!! Yesss!!! You know, it's always hard to find money for an attorney, but I learned one thing with this case. Although I thought we couldn't afford an attorney, the truth of the matter was that we couldn't afford NOT TO HAVE an attorney. I only wish I had found Mr. Rinckey sooner, but that's okay. I have found my ATTORNEY for life," Y.W. on Founding Partner on Greg Rinckey, Esq.

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