

Man jailed for yelling threat at judge

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MEMPHIS -- A Tennessee judge has sentenced a suspect who threatened his life to 700 days in prison. Joshua Beadle yelled the threat in court after a hearing on his court-appointed lawyer, the Memphis Commercial Appeal reported Wednesday. Criminal Circuit Judge Lee Coffee had just allowed Gregory Carman to stop representing Beadle because Beadle had threatened his life. "You mark my word, Judge Coffee," Beadle shouted as he was led from the courtroom to a holding area. "I promise you, Lee Coffee, I'll kill you and cut your (expletive) head off." Beadle made the threat through a mask because he spit at the judge during an earlier hearing, hitting the court reporter's computer. He apologized to the reporter, telling her he had intended to hit the judge. Coffee calculated the sentence by counting Beadle's words -- stopping when he hit 70 -- and then sentencing him to 10 days per word for contempt. Beadle is scheduled to go on trial in May on a burglary charge.

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