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## **Capitol Police Prevent Possible Tragedy at Capitol Building**

Case referred to Dane County District Attorney for Charges

Yesterday, Capitol Police protected hundreds of people in the state Capitol by apprehending and arresting Kvon Smith, who had stated on his Facebook page that he was going to come to the Capitol to do harm. Smith was apprehended in the rotunda, and he stated that he had a Molotov cocktail in his backpack.

Smith has been booked in the Dane County jail on the following tentative charges:

- Four felony counts of possession of Molotov cocktails
- One felony count of creating a bomb scare
- One felony count of Second Degree Recklessly Endangering Safety
- One misdemeanor of Disorderly Conduct

"A tragedy was avoided and our Capitol remains safe because of the actions of our officers yesterday," said Secretary Mike Huebsh. He also thanks all the law enforcement from the Wisconsin State Patrol, Department of Natural Resources, DOJ Department of Criminal Investigation, UW Madison, City of Milwaukee, and City of Madison for their assistance in yesterday's events.

Smith will remain in custody and the case has been turned over to the Dane County District Attorney for charges. The Dane County DA's office will determine final charges and further action in the case.