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Netwal gets shortest sentence for Green Bay East bomb plot

After time served, teen will spend slightly more than 5 months in prison

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Bradley Netwal will serve a little more than five months in prison after receiving credit for time already served for a planned attack at Green Bay East High School with guns and bombs last year.

Netwal, 19, was the last of a trio sentenced to prison this week for their involvement in the conspiracy.

Brown County Circuit Judge J.D. McKay sentenced Netwal on Thursday to 18 months in prison and three years of extended supervision. Netwal received credit for 385 days served while

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awaiting sentencing.

Netwal, 19, received the shortest sentence of the co-conspirators, who include Shawn Sturtz and William Cornell, both 18. Cornell was sentenced to six years in prison Monday and Sturtz to three Tuesday.

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The 2006 East High graduate pleaded no contest Aug. 13 to conspiracy to commit damage by use of explosives and agreed to testify against the other two had the cases gone to trial. Prosecutors dismissed a charge of conspiracy to commit homicide as part of a plea bargain.

Police officers arrested the three in September 2006 after a classmate notified school administrators about the plan to attack the school with homemade explosives and guns.

Netwal's father, David Netwal, was the only witness to testify at the hearing.

"There are times that I ask myself how could all of this go down because knowing my son he's not the type to — he's never been in any trouble."

Brown County District Attorney John Zakowski said Netwal's crime was his participation and allowing the plot to go as far as it did. Zakowski said prison time is mandatory.

"If something would have happened at East High School, the blood of those students would have been on Brad Netwal's hands just as much as on Sturtz's and Cornell's," he said.

Netwal apologized for his actions and to his former high school for his participation in the plot.

"I'm not going to make any excuses to try to cover up my past," he said. "Over the past 385 days I've been able to realize that my actions were foolish and irresponsible. I know I should have taken the information I had to the authorities, but instead I used poor judgment and did not."

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