

Judge gives student accused of attacking teammate lesser charge; released on house arrest

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SOUTHWEST MIAMI-DADE, FLA. (WSVN) - A South Florida high school student accused of injuring his baseball teammate will be released from juvenile detention after a judge lowered his charge.

Jeremy Singer, who attends Miami Palmetto Senior High School, was originally arrested for aggravated battery with serious injury, but on Thursday, the judge granted him a lesser charge of battery.

"I do believe that there is probable cause for a felony battery," said Judge Yery Marrero.

In the courtroom, Singer's family and several of his friends were in attendance to support the young baseball player.

"My brothers, my friends and my family," said Singer.

Singer was arrested on Tuesday during school hours after being accused of injuring a fellow teammate at Coral Reef Park during baseball practice.

Edward O'Donnell IV, Singer's attorney, said the entire team was upset on Jan. 18, the day of the attack, because a student brought food to the field, which caused the entire team to run laps.

According to the arrest report, Singer meant to scare the victim, not hurt him, when he threw an air horn at him. The horseplay led to the victim needing six stitches as the air horn caused a laceration on his ear.

"Clearly Jeremy wasn't trying to deny he did what he did. It's just he clearly didn't intend in any way to cause this sort of harm to him," said O'Donnell.

In court Thursday, the judge heard the arguments from both sides.

"He threw a small object, from such a close range, so hard that the victim in this case needed six stitches," said the prosecutor.

"He clearly never meant to cause those injuries, it was one throwing of one item," said O'Donnell.

The mother of the teen who was injured, Nicolette Bory, was contacted after the hearing, but she did not answer phone calls from 7News. However, she posted photos of her son's injury on her Instagram story and wrote, "Let's show everyone what they didn't show in court. This wasn't an accident or nothing accidentally thrown his way. JEREMY SINGER DID THAT."

The judge ordered Singer to remain on house arrest and to refrain from contacting the victim. He is set to appear in court again on Feb. 1.

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