

1990 Milwaukee homicide: Case dismissed against Larnell Washington

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MILWAUKEE - A [Milwaukee County](#) murder trial will not go forward.

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The homicide took place more than three decades ago. Prosecutors only charged Larnell Washington a few months ago.

"Mr. Washington, at this point you are released from all conditions of bond," said Judge Ellen Brostrom.

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Washington is a free man. In February, prosecutors charged him with first-degree reckless homicide for the 1990 death of Annette Love. Her body was found in an alley near N. 4th Street judge south of W. Keefe Avenue in Milwaukee.

On Friday, Oct. 6, prosecutors told the judge the state had problems with some of its witnesses.

"Either outright denying statements previously made or claiming that they have different recollection at this time," said Sara Beth Hill, prosecutor.

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Washington was arrested in February at his home in Washington State. Investigators said new DNA evidence linked him to the crime.

"Three other men's DNA was found on her in different places," said Allison Ritter, defense attorney.

Attorney Ritter said the DNA was miniscule – the equivalent of a grain of sand.

"The fact that they waited so long to even investigate this case – there's all sorts of inconsistencies throughout the whole discovery," said Ebony Washington, wife.

The judge agreed to the prosecution's request to dismiss the case without prejudice.

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Washington's wife said the family will most definitely pursue a civil lawsuit in this case.

Friday's ruling means the state could prosecute the case again in the future.

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