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UMass student charged for allegedly stabbing Amherst student

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Courtesy Amherst Police Department

UMass sociology major Marcus Smith, 21, has been charged in the alleged stabbing of an Amherst College Student.

A student at the University of Massachusetts allegedly stabbed an Amherst College student several times in the back and chest in an Amherst College dormitory early Sunday.

Marcus Smith, 21, of 5 Codman Park, Apt. 3, Roxbury, a sociology major at UMass, was arrested and charged with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon (a knife), according to the Amherst Police Department.

The 20-year-old male victim was allegedly stabbed by Smith at Crossett Dormitory and police said they were notified at 1:04 a.m. Sunday.

The victim's name is not being released by police at this time, but officials said he was transported by ambulance to Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, Mass. where he was in fair condition and expected to survive.

Smith was brought to Cooley Dickinson Hospital in Northampton, Mass. where he was treated for a hand injury and released into police custody, officials said.

Smith is expected to be arraigned in the Eastern Hampshire District Court on Monday. Since the alleged stabbing, he was being held at the Hampshire County House of Correction in lieu of $25,000 cash bail.

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gang task force — Tue Feb 10 2009 21:06
757...nice... Great to know we have looser gang bangers on campus. To have the nerve when peoplecall ou and Marcus out for the criminals you are....loosers!

alex — Tue Feb 10 2009 20:57
Mon and Wed : March for Marcus
Tues and Thur : Justice for Jason

aaa — Tue Feb 10 2009 20:40
To preface my comments, I was at the party at the time of the stabbing though I did not directly witness the stabbing. From what witnesses have told me, the Amherst student was stabbed while attempting to break up a fight between Smith and another student. From what I know of the case, self-defense is going to be extremely difficult for Smith. Frankly, the fact that he snuck a weapon (he hid the knife from security that was frisking students at the door) into a party at a school with a decidedly non-violent

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As a former UMass student I am not sure what bothers me more the two very publicized violent crimes recently or the posts on this article. First, Amherst is one of the safest towns in Mass. It has a crime index of 38 opposed to 76 for the state and 100 for the avearge place in the country. That being said there is NO reason to be carrying a knife. And you cannot claim self defense with a deadly weapon (which a knife that could cause death is) if the person you are defending yourself against did not use deadly force. I will not even discuss how absurd the racial comments or how a person looks is, you are suppose to eduacated not ignorant. Now, I know what 757 stands for and it just further illustrates ignorance. And to say a person who was stabbed several times in the chest and back is not seriously hurt is just plain stupid. I agree that people should wait to pass judgment on this as in any case, but that goes to all sides. A person could have been killed, lives could be, and probably will be, destroyed. It is about time people on campus start to grow up and act like adults.

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