

“Why should I not sentence you right now?”

By Cameron Moist

A Perkins convict was in court again Friday.

Ray Daniel Smith, 34, charged with multiple counts including assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, unauthorized use of a vehicle, leaving the scene, driving under suspension, carrying weapons, and threats, stood alongside his attorney at the Payne County Courthouse Friday morning as Judge Stephen Kistler reviewed the charges on Smith.

According to Smith’s affidavit, during the transport to the jail Smith proclaimed, “I’m insignificant, I am a dead man walking. “People are going to remember me, you just watch what happens.”

Smith was referring to an incident that happened hours earlier when he crashed his truck into a tree outside of the entrance to Cimarron Golf Course. When officer George Hannon arrived at the scene, he met up with Smith’s nephews, William and Dakota Smith, Dakota informed Officer Hannon that Ray wielded a knife and threatened to kill him.

Smith also had prior charges stemmed from incidents in 2013. Investigators allege that in January, Smith held a knife to his girlfriend’s throat and punched her in the face, he also punched one of his female neighbors in the face and he threw a cinderblock through a trailer window with it landing on a woman’s toes and damaging the trailer.

Smith pleaded guilty to charges related to that incident.

In addition to the charges from Friday, Smith does have prior convictions.

“Why should I not sentence you right now?” asked Kistler.

Smith’s attorney, Sarah Kennedy, stated that he had “mental health issues.”

Kistler gave Smith one last chance to explain why he should not be sentenced.

Smith said, “I am going to get my life straightened out and I am going to get off of the drugs.”

Shortly after Smith’s response, Kistler sentenced Smith to 10 years of probation, 80 hours of community service, and a 52-week anger management course, all after completing his sentence of 180 days in jail. On top of that, Smith has to pay all of his court costs and fines, and the total comes to over \$1,700.

Smith has another preliminary hearing set for Monday, April 6, 2015.

