The List Of Criminal Charges Grows For Leon English Jr., Now Faces Another Aggravated Battery Count With Jail Deputy

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EDWARDSVILLE - Leon English Jr., 26, is back in the news again and not in a positive way.

English, who already faced multiple charges after recent criminal incidents, was charged this week by Madison County State's Attorney Thomas Haine with a count of Aggravated Battery (Class 2) for an incident in the Madison County Jail.

The charge read as follows: "In that said defendant, while committing a Battery, in violation of 720 ILCS 5/12-3 knowingly and without legal justification, caused bodily harm to Deputy Ian Gray to be a peace officer of the Madison County Sheriff's Office engaged in the execution of his official duties, in violation of 720 ILCS 5/12-3.05 (d) (4), and against the peace and dignity of the said People of the State of Illinois."

Bail for the above charge was set at $50,000 by Judge Janice Heflin.

English was the same person who was charged with a count of Aggravated Battery of a taxi cab driver in East Alton on December 30, 2020.

He also was involved in a hit-and-run accident in the 1900 block of Beall Avenue in Alton at 9:44 a.m. on New Year's Eve, December 31, 2020. English is also accused of stealing the vehicle from the 1000 block of East Sixth Street in Alton. A woman had started her car to warm it up and then a few minutes later reported it missing.

Alton Police officers had been trying to locate him for a domestic situation in Alton on December 29, 2020, where he allegedly stabbed a family/household member. The family member did not receive life-threatening injuries but was stabbed. Then in the Alton Jail on New Year's Eve, he punched one of the Alton officers and was again charged with Aggravated Battery.