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Wanted: Man accused of threatening judge

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A convicted felon accused of intimidating a Spokane County District Court judge is wanted by police after a raid at his home revealed several firearms.

Rory M. Schwanbeck, 54, is out of jail awaiting trial on charges related to statements he allegedly made to Judge Patty Walker on Jan. 7, 2009. But he's due to return after police found two guns in the felon's room during a SWAT team search April 29 at 103 W. 39th, according to court documents.

A judge ruled the incident violated Schwanbeck's release conditions for felony charges of intimidating a judge and resisting arrest; a warrant for Schwanbeck's arrest was issued June 11.

Now Crime Stoppers is offering a reward for tips that lead to his arrest.

Schwanbeck "is frequently armed when contacted by police," according to Crime Stoppers.

In 1990, he shot a man who was picking up his son at a north Spokane County daycare, leading to a second-degree assault charge, according to Crime Stoppers. He also has convictions for city assault, malicious mischief, possession of a dangerous weapon, drug possession and third-degree theft.

Schwanbeck was before Judge Walker on two cases when he allegedly threatened civilians and court officials, then lunged at Walker and said "You are not safe either, up there as a judge."

Schwanbeck was restrained and removed from the courtroom. It's unclear when he left jail, but he was out when a SWAT team raided his house April 29 in search of methamphetamine. He was arrested that day on gun charges, then posted \$50,000 bond May 5.

Anyone with information on Schwanbeck's location is asked to call 1-800-222-TIPS or submit tips **online**. Tipsters don't have to leave their name to collect a reward but should leave a code name or number.