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Man arrested for assaulting courtroom security officer

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A 28-year-old Shelton man was arrested for assaulting a courtroom security officer on Tuesday after an altercation in Grays Harbor Superior Court.

The man was appearing for a custody hearing around noon involving his daughter when he continued to be disruptive, ignoring warnings from Judge Dave Edwards, according to Grays Harbor Sheriff's Chief Criminal Deputy Steve Shumate.

"He wanted to speak, but the judge was telling him to speak through his attorney," Shumate said.

Edwards eventually ordered courtroom security officers to place him into custody for contempt. When the two officers attempted to arrest him he refused to go with them, Shumate said, and then allegedly pushed one of the officers against one of the pews in the courtroom.

"He pushed him hard enough to move the pew," Shumate said.

The man was eventually detained and booked into the Grays Harbor County Jail on charges of third-degree assault. The officer's injuries were minor, according to Shumate. He was treated by a doctor for back pain and returned to work on Wednesday, he said.