

Manhattan defendant brings switchblade, drug paraphernalia to courthouse while facing weapons charge, tries to flee

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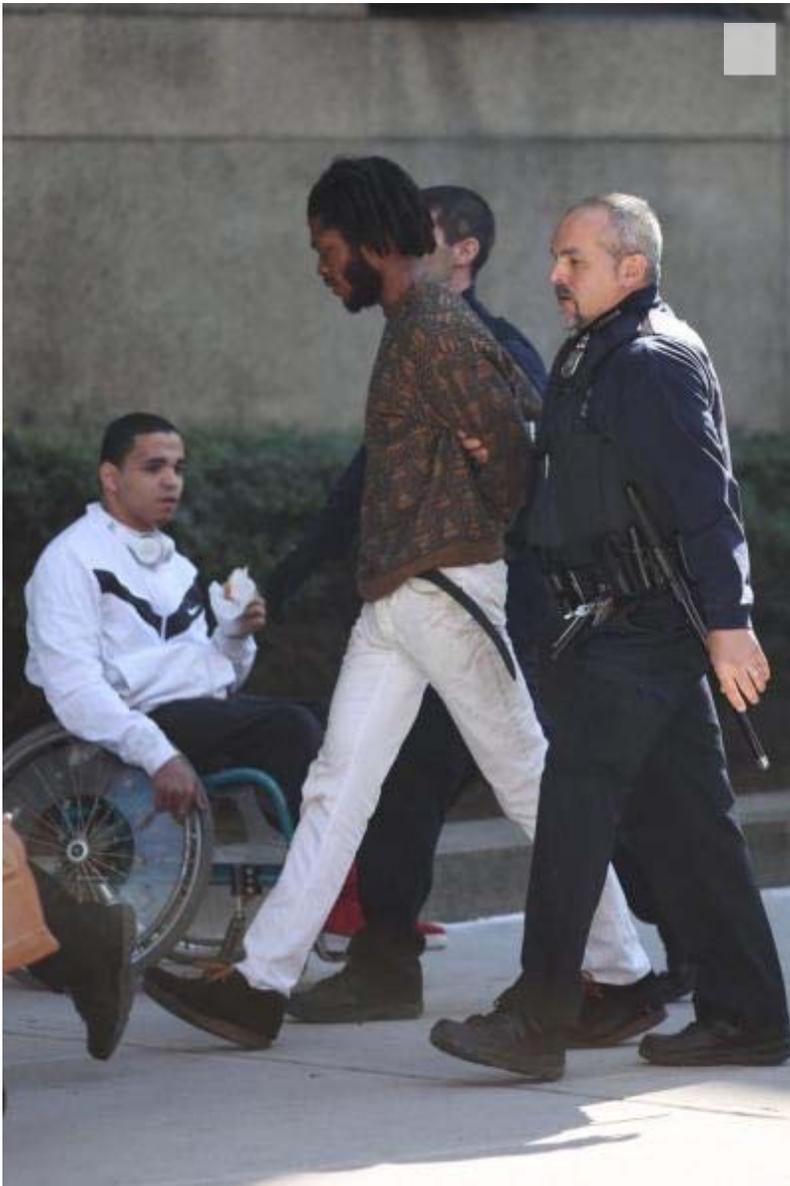
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A dopey defendant brought a switchblade and drug paraphernalia Wednesday to Manhattan Criminal Court — where he faces an existing weapons rap — then tried to flee the building before officers caught him, the Daily News has learned.

Zachary Larkland, 23, who also goes by Tobois Larkland, led court officers on a foot pursuit after he was caught with the illicit goods in the lobby of the 100 Centre St. courthouse around 12:15 p.m., sources said.

After tripping and face-planting around Lafayette and Leonard Sts., Larkland was apprehended. He was ushered back to the building in handcuffs to be processed.

Sources said Larkland injured a female court officer who tried to stop him from fleeing when she saw him bolting down Centre St.



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Manhattan Criminal Court officers return Zachary Larkland to

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the courthouse, where he allegedly fled after getting caught with a switchblade and drug paraphernalia Wednesday.

Larkland, who was free on \$10,000 cash bail on the case

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he was due to appear for, was arrested on Sept. 24 on Bleecker St. while operating a stun gun on the sidewalk as he was carrying a huge collection of dangerous items, court papers say.



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The officers were forced to chase the 23-year-old as he fled through the streets, until he tripped around Lafayette and Leonard Sts., sources said.

His backpack held six extra stun guns. He also had a dagger strapped to his left arm and another stun gun stashed in the bag, according to the criminal complaint.

The cache included three lock pick sets, ten loose firecrackers and cocaine.

He allegedly told cops he "obtains the above-described items from a warehouse in Pennsylvania and transports them to New York City for the purpose of selling them."

Larkland was awaiting arraignment on his new case Wednesday night.

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