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## Bible knowledge frees defendant

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Eric Hine is a free man today because of his Biblical knowledge.

Hine, 43, of Corryville, was in court today charged with receiving stolen property.

He is accused of using a stolen credit card at 1:15 a.m. today to try to buy items at the Walgreen's at 1 W. Corry St.

When he appeared this morning before Hamilton County Municipal Court Judge John Burlew, Hine's attorney was hoping for a low bond for Hine and told the judge he was a churchgoer who works fulltime at a company that makes wine racks.

Because judges hear all kinds of stories from lawyers and defendants hoping for low bonds, Burlew wanted to test Hine on his claim of attending an Avondale church.

So, Burlew told Hine to recite the 23rd Psalm.

"The Lord is my Shepard; I shall not want," Hine told the judge.

Impressed but still skeptical, Burlew told Hine if he could recite the entire passage, he would let him out of jail.

Hine then reeled off all six verses and 118 words – and even drew some applause from those sitting in the courtroom.

Burlew was true to his word and released Hine on a \$10,000 unsecured appearance bond. That meant Hine had to sign a bond to promise to pay \$10,000 if he didn't make his next court appearance in the case.

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