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On Aug 12, 6:06 am, John Schutkeker <jschutke...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
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On Aug 10, 1:46 pm, John Schutkeker
<jschutke...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

The Radioactive Boyscout isn't an urban legend, as I recently thought, and the guy was just arrested again. This time he was assembling a radioactive device from smoke detector sensors, but now he's got radiation poisoning, exhibiting little sores all over his face.

<http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,292111,00.html>

Poor, dumb fool needs a psychiatrist, because he should know better than to play with radioactive materials, without radiation protection. I sure hope he took his iodine

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The guy needs the NRC to have a 100% dose reconstruction.
He had
the ability to get a possibly deadly dose from a low level
buying
of licensing exempt radioactive material.

We need to have his story in the mainstream science.
Somebody
needs to investigate for real. If this is not a joke, then the
original site cleanup needs to followup.

State officials need to close the case.

If you smell a good research project, feel free to hop onto a plane
and fly out here, because I'm sure that the local state officials
would be happy to avail themselves of an added degree of scientific
expertise. Right now, he's in the hoosegow, which makes him the
responsibility of the jailhouse doctors. Are you courageous enough
to walk into a jailhouse infirmary?– Hide quoted text –

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No, I would not fit in. My expertise is in radiation dose work
though.

The jail house doctors can call in a medical physicist, they work with
patients, I am supposed to not let the worker doses cause patients.

Well, your expertise sounds better than anybody mentioned on the local
news, but those goofballs are terrible about reporting on what's
happening behind the scenes. The state's responsibility seems to just
be to clean up the mess, and not necessarily follow the trail and deduce
the precise order of events, for the scientific record.

The state's priority is just to lock the fool up, so he can't endanger
any more people, and clean up the radwaste site that he created. Their
priority is almost certainly not to gather the scientific story, and
until an ambitious investigator comes along, which I had hoped might be
you, that task will most likely languish undone.

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That's the curse of having good ideas like that, because once we have them, then we either have to work on them ourselves, dump them onto a subordinate or let them go. Virtually nobody ever values the same points of curiosity as a guy just sitting by himself and reading the science news.

This is the moral of the story of King Arthur, which is that Camelot collapsed because nobody else shared the king's dream. It's a curse than many intelligent men and overachievers (but not the great overachievers) share. ;(

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