



## 1-armed PA man accused in pot-fueled samurai sword attack

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Who says marijuana isn't dangerous? A Westmoreland County man who was told by family members to put out the pot he was smoking in his bedroom allegedly reacted by grabbing a decorative samurai sword and striking his brother-in-law in the face.

**TribLive.com** reports that Todd A. Clark, 51, who is missing his left arm, was arraigned on charges of attempted homicide, simple assault, possession of a prohibited offensive weapon and two counts of aggravated assault filed by Monessen city police in the Thursday morning incident.

Clark's brother-in-law, identified as Bill Garey, was struck with the 3-foot sword across the bridge of the nose and was treated and released with stitches on his nose and above his right eyebrow, TribLive.com writes, adding:

Clark's sister Amelia Garey, who is married to the alleged victim, began arguing with Clark just after midnight because the family did not want him to smoke marijuana in the house.

At first, Clark allegedly wielded a cane against his sister, and then when Bill Garey intervened, Clark is accused of grabbing for his sword and swinging it at his brother-in-law's face:

"(Clark) smokes marijuana, and we don't want him smoking marijuana inside the house because we have grandkids. Todd (Clark), who is disabled, said, 'If I can't have it, I'll kill myself,' " Bill Garey told TribLive.com.

Police found the white-handled sword emblazoned with a dragon design and blood still on the blade lying on the porch of the home.

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