



Anti-George W. Bush protester John Boncore will be spared a criminal record for his attempts to gain access to the former U.S. president and arrest him for war crimes. Calgary provincial court Judge Manfred Delong ruled Monday that a conditional discharge for the Chase, B.C., resident would not be contrary to the public interest.

Delong said if Boncore successfully completes a one-year period of probation, which includes making a \$1,000 donation to his favourite charity, he will not have a criminal record.

The judge ruled Boncore was guilty of obstructing a peace officer when he repeatedly tried to breach a police line set up between Bush protesters and those attending his speech.

The former U.S. president was in Calgary on March 17, 2009, to give a speech at the Telus Convention Centre. Boncore said he was attempting to convince police to arrest Bush for committing war crimes and intended to do so himself if they refused.

However, he later conceded there was no way he would get anywhere close to Bush and could even have lost his life if he breached security and got near him.

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