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Police jail man who throws out beverage bottle.

Here is another example that my low confidence in the criminal justice system is not a function of paranoia. Kevin Wilson tossed a soft drink bottle into a trash can soon before or after entering a Houston area Dillard's department store. In return, the police arrested and locked him up for many hours under suspicion of having codeine in the bottle. The two police officers involved have been temporarily reassigned as a result of this incident, which suggests the police had no sufficient basis to believe Mr. Wilson possessed codeine in the soft drink bottle. This item has been underreported thus far, at least as revealed by a google web and news search. Houston Fox Reporter Isiah Carey blogs on the story here, on December 13, 2006. The Houston Fox video story is here. Thanks to Grits for Breakfast for covering this story. Jon Katz.

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