

Interactions with New York Post

**“Actor Ray Buffer rejected from diversion program tied to comic book theft case”**

March 30, 2023

**Question:**

Jamie Newbold of Southern California Comics told me that there was a hearing over the Ray Buffer petty theft case yesterday and that a request for diversion that would include paying Newbold back for the alleged stolen comics was denied by the judge and that the next hearing will determine whether this goes to trial or if Buffer pleads guilty.

Can you confirm this is what happened during the hearing and tell me who Buffer's defense lawyer is just so I can get a comment from him for fairness sake? Any other details you can provide would also be appreciated.

**Response:**

The diversion hearing in Mr. Buffer's case was held yesterday, March 29. The judge denied diversion, so the criminal case will proceed.

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**Question:**

What does diversion, generally, usually entail?

**Response:**

When diversion is granted, a defendant is ordered to remain law abiding and complete other terms ordered by the judge that address the defendant's conduct. Successful diversion results in a dismissal without a conviction.

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