

Jury convicts Tonganoxie man on multiple charges

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LEAVENWORTH, Kan. --- A Leavenworth County jury found Gary L. Dixon, 43, of Tonganoxie, Kansas, guilty of multiple charges following a pursuit involving a motorcycle that occurred in September 2023.

On Monday, July 14, 2025, Dixon was convicted at jury trial of fleeing or attempting to elude an officer, driving while suspended, no proof of motor vehicle liability insurance coverage, transportation of liquor in an open container, and expired or no registration. The jury returned a hung verdict on an additional count.

The charges stemmed from a Sept. 30, 2023, incident in which a Leavenworth County deputy observed a motorcycle traveling southbound on 158th Street near Linwood Road with no license plate. The deputy activated their emergency lights and sirens to conduct a traffic stop. Despite the signals, the motorcycle continued for approximately two miles at speeds between 50 and 55 miles per hour before finally stopping near 161st Street.

Dixon was unable to provide valid registration or insurance, and his driver's license was revoked. A flask containing alcohol was also found in Dixon's possession.

"Fleeing from law enforcement officers endangers everyone on the road," said Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson. "Not only is it unsafe, but more often than not, the culprit will be caught and prosecuted."

The court has scheduled a status hearing for August 1, 2025. The jury hung on an additional count, and a hearing will be held to determine how to proceed with the additional charge. **Dixon is considered innocent of the additional charge until proven guilty.**