

A second defendant has been convicted on charges related to an abandoned dog

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LEAVENWORTH, Kan. (April 18, 2025) — A second defendant has been convicted in a rural Leavenworth County case involving an abandoned dog.

On Wednesday, April 16, Tayler E. Holecek, 23, pleaded no contest to one count of animal cruelty. Holecek is the second defendant convicted in the case.

On Jan. 22, co-defendant Maleena L. Glenn, 23, pleaded guilty to the same charge.

According to court documents, a man discovered a dog and a kennel in the area of 167th Street and Hilderbrandt Road in rural Leavenworth County. The dog and kennel were covered in feces. The man took photos and shared them in a Facebook post, which caught the attention of a volunteer with the Leavenworth County Humane Society.

The volunteer scanned the dog for a microchip and identified Holecek as the listed owner.

A Leavenworth County sheriff's deputy was contacted and met with Holecek and his fiancée, Glenn, on Nov. 25, a day after the dog was found. According to the deputy's report, the couple admitted to abandoning the dog on Hilderbrandt Road while their 4-year-old daughter and another man were in the truck. They said they were frustrated with the animal.

"This is illegal," Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson said in a statement. "There are better, more humane ways of surrendering your family pet. Please call a local animal control facility or shelter. I want to thank our witness and the Leavenworth County Humane Society for helping save this dog."