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Overland Park man convicted of DUI, fleeing police in Leavenworth County

LEAVENWORTH, Kan. --- An Overland Park man has been convicted of charges related to fleeing from police and driving under the influence.

According to court documents, Jeramie W. Brownell, 41, of Overland Park, Kansas, was arrested Oct. 13, 2024, after a Tonganoxie police officer observed a truck traveling above the posted speed limit westbound near State Avenue and Stone Creek Drive. The officer activated emergency lights and sirens and attempted a traffic stop.

The vehicle was eventually stopped in Douglas County, and the driver was identified as Brownell. Leavenworth County Sheriff's deputies were also involved in the traffic stop. Officers reported his eyes were watery and bloodshot, and that he was slurring his words. Multiple open containers of alcohol were found in the vehicle, including an open can of beer in the driver's cup holder.

On Friday, April 17, Brownell pleaded guilty to one count of fleeing or attempting to elude law enforcement and one count of driving under the influence.

A sentencing hearing is scheduled for June 5, 2026, at 1:30 p.m.

"Driving under the influence puts lives at risk, and not stopping for law enforcement only makes a dangerous situation worse," said Todd Thompson. "Please don't drive while under the influence, and understand that if you do, your actions can have serious consequences."