

Man who threatened police while waving a sword receives prison sentence

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LEAVENWORTH COUNTY, Kan. --- A 56-year-old Leavenworth man who used a sword to threaten a police officer has been sentenced to prison for aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer.

A judge sentenced Lonnie Bailey Jr. to serve 43 months in the Kansas Department of Corrections. Bailey will receive credit for 152 days already served.

Bailey was arrested on December 3, 2022, when officers were on patrol near West 7th and Chestnut in downtown Leavenworth.

According to officers, Bailey had a large sword in his hands, and after being ordered to drop the sword, Bailey became agitated and began yelling at officers.

Court documents state at least one police officer approached Bailey with his service weapon in hand at the low and ready position.

As officers approached, Bailey unsheathed his sword while yelling and took a fighting stance. After Bailey unsheathed his sword, he raised it above his head and approached officers.

Eventually, Bailey placed his sword back in its sheath and stated, "Shoot me punk" seven times while officers continued with verbal commands.

Bailey eventually threw the sword and was taken into custody.

Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson said, "This is a case where officers need to be prepared for any situation. There are obvious issues going on, but our paramount concern is the community and our officers."