

Leavenworth woman found guilty after threatening woman, claiming she was a witch

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LEAVENWORTH, Kan. --- A jury has convicted a 56-year-old Leavenworth woman who claimed her neighbor was a witch responsible for casting a hex on her.

On Feb. 3, 2025, Christina M. Stafford was found guilty of Criminal Threat. The charges stem from a May 30, 2024, incident in which Stafford shouted threats and vowed to kill the victim, a fellow resident of her downtown Leavenworth neighborhood. At the time of the threat, the victim was loading two children into a car. When Stafford declared she was going to retrieve a gun, the victim fled the scene.

Stafford later stated that she believed the victim and her husband were witches who had placed a hex on her, blaming them for her streak of misfortune.

Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson stated, "Whether you have a gun or not, threatening gun violence in this day and age is dangerous and serious."

A sentencing hearing is scheduled for March 19, 2025.