

# **Lansing Inmate Found Guilty of Aggravated Escape from Custody**

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LEAVENWORTH COUNTY, Kan. — A Leavenworth County jury found Bradley G. Verstraete, 55, guilty of aggravated escape from custody following a one-day trial on June 9, 2025.

Verstraete was serving a 102-month sentence at Lansing Correctional Facility when he was discovered missing during the facility's standard 8:30 p.m. inmate count on Sunday, April 7, 2024. He had been assigned to E-Dorm, a minimum-security living unit, but was still considered in the custody of the Kansas Department of Corrections.

Facility surveillance footage showed Verstraete walking out of the unit without authorization. He was declared an escapee shortly thereafter.

The following day, April 8, 2024, a concerned citizen reported a suspicious individual in the 900 block of 4H Road in Lansing. A Lansing police officer responded and apprehended Verstraete.

Sentencing is scheduled for July 11, 2025.

"The simplest rule when incarcerated is not to escape. We take this offense extremely seriously, especially in a community like ours, which has multiple correctional facilities. Not only does escaping create unnecessary expense, but it also causes alarm and fear in our community. We will not tolerate it," said Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson.