**Officer hurt while chasing woman who was attempting to escape from the Leavenworth County Justice Center**

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LEAVENWORTH, KAN. --- An attempted escape by a woman at the Leavenworth County Justice Center resulted in an officer suffering an injury.

Sarah Cape, 33, of Lansing, Kansas, was arrested on April 26, 2022, and later charged with attempted aggravated escape from custody.

According to court documents, Cape had been arrested on a bond violation and was in the process of being taken by jail staff from the visitation area of the Justice Center to one of the Jail entries when she ran. A member of the jail staff gave chase and fell in the process. During the fall, that officer hit her hand on a trashcan, resulting in an injury. Cape was apprehended before leaving the Justice Center.

On April 26, 2022, Cape entered a plea of "no contest" on the charge of attempted aggravated escape from custody. Cape also pled “no contest” on three charges of possession of a controlled substance and on a single count of possession of drug paraphernalia used to introduce a controlled substance into a human body. The drug-related convictions stem from an arrest that happened March 29, 2022, at a hotel in Leavenworth County.

Cape was arrested on March 29 after deputies located her inside a hotel room. Inside that hotel room, Cape was found to be in possession of numerous drugs - including methamphetamine, fentanyl, and heroin. Cape also identified a metal spoon that she cooks heroin in and a marijuana pipe.

Cape pled as charged in each case. No plea agreement was reached by the parties.

Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson said, “If you think about it, the Justice Center can be a volatile place. We regularly have dangerous people in it. We are lucky to have the jail staff and other law enforcement there to assure our safety.”