

Inmate convicted of kidnapping prison employee

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LEAVENWORTH, Kan. --- An inmate already serving time for rape has been convicted of kidnapping a Lansing Correctional Facility employee inside a bathroom in the LCF Administration Building.

Allan B. Kari, 48, pled guilty to a count of Kidnapping during a January 3, 2024 hearing. The court accepted the plea and found him guilty.

Kari was housed in the Lansing Correctional Facility (LCF) when, on the morning of June 7, 2023, he left his housing unit and walked to the Reentry Office Complex on the lower level of the LCF Administration Building. Kari was carrying a canvas bag, commonly referred to in KDOC as a “store bag,” which contained books, papers, and a homemade gag. Kari was not authorized to be in the Reentry Complex.

Once inside the Reentry Complex, Kari went to the Women’s Restroom and hid in the restroom with the lights off. The victim, an LCF employee, entered the restroom a few minutes later. When the victim turned on the lights, she saw Kari standing against the wall. The victim saw Kari reach for the door lock, so she opened it before he could lock it. The victim placed her hand outside the door and started to scream. Kari told the victim not to scream, grabbed her, and put his hand over her mouth.

Several LCF employees who heard the victim scream responded to the bathroom. One employee grabbed the hand of the victim and pulled her from the restroom before stepping between Kari and the victim. Employees gave Kari verbal commands to leave. Kari took his bag and walked to the entry door of the complex, where a corrections officer placed Kari in restraints.

During the investigation, Kari would tell an investigator that he had thoughts of raping a woman and carried the gag with him in case he had the opportunity to.

Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson said, “Our thoughts continue to be with the victim. LCF has taken steps to prevent anything like this from happening again.” Thompson continued, “I’d also like to thank her team, which came to her aid in a time of need. This is truly what a team is all about.”

Sentencing is scheduled for March 5, 2024.