

Rolling shootout, other crimes, net prison time

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LEAVENWORTH, Kan. --- On Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2024, a judge sentenced 39-year-old Benjamin Allen McGee to over 30 months in the Kansas Department of Corrections for charges related to a rolling shootout and police pursuit.

During Wednesday's sentencing hearing, McGee was sentenced to the following:

- 32 months on Count 1, Aggravated Assault,
- 12 months on Count 2, Aggravated Assault,
- 6 months on Count 3, Fleeing or Attempting to Elude a Police Officer,
- 6 months on Count 4, Interference with Law Enforcement.

All Leavenworth County counts will run concurrently but consecutively to any sentence McGee is serving in Johnson County, Kansas, and Jackson County, Missouri.

On Aug. 21, 2024, McGee was found guilty after entering no-contest pleas to the charges.

According to court documents, McGee committed the crime of Interference with Law Enforcement when he fled on foot from a Leavenworth police officer at approximately 5 a.m. from the area of the 700 block of North 13th Terrace.

On Aug. 27, 2022, McGee committed the crimes of aggravated assault. As detailed in court documents, McGee attempted to burglarize an outbuilding on property near 207th and Turner Road in Leavenworth County. When confronted by one of the victims and asked to leave the property, McGee pointed a gun at the victim and fired shots in the victim's direction. As McGee fled the scene in a vehicle, a second victim arrived and pursued him. During the pursuit, which lasted until officers arrived, McGee and the second victim exchanged gunfire. The second victim told police that he fired at the suspect's vehicle to force McGee to stop shooting at him. The pursuit ended at the Missouri state line, where law enforcement stopped chasing the suspect's vehicle.

McGee committed the crime of fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer on Sept. 21, 2022. According to court records, McGee fled from police while in the area of Stranger Road and Wolcott Road in Leavenworth County. Leavenworth County deputies had responded to the area at 4:50 p.m. to look for a stolen vehicle. While there, deputies witnessed a car driven by McGee leave a nearby driveway at a high speed. Deputies pursued McGee for nearly 19 minutes until losing sight of the vehicle and terminated the pursuit.

Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson said, "Obviously, these were dangerous incidents that could have ended much worse, so I'm thankful that didn't happen." Thompson continued, "This case involved multiple cases; I'd like to thank the law enforcement officers who worked together to bring these cases to justice."