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Leavenworth County Man Sentenced for Battery on Officer, DUI, and Interference

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LEAVENWORTH, Kan. --- A Leavenworth County man has been sentenced to 44 months in custody for battery on a law enforcement officer, driving under the influence (DUI), and two counts of interference with a law enforcement officer.

On April 22, 2025, a jury found William Bingo Dickerson, Jr., 38, guilty on all four counts following a two-day trial in Leavenworth County District Court. The trial began Monday, April 21, and concluded the following day with a unanimous verdict.

Just after midnight on Sept. 28, 2024, a Tonganoxie police officer observed a vehicle stopped at the intersection of 5th and Church streets in downtown Tonganoxie. The vehicle eventually turned without signaling, prompting the officer to initiate a traffic stop. The driver, later identified as Dickerson, gave inconsistent answers, provided a false name, and showed signs of impairment, including slurred speech and the odor of alcohol.

Dickerson ultimately refused to submit to a breath test.

While being escorted to a patrol vehicle, Dickerson attempted to pull away from officers. After regaining control of him, officers placed him on the ground, where he rolled to his side and began kicking one of them—striking the officer in the chest and legs. The assault resulted in multiple lacerations and scrapes to the officer.

At sentencing, Dickerson filed motions for a new trial and for ineffective assistance of counsel. The court denied both motions.

He was sentenced to 32 months with the Kansas Department of Corrections for battery on a law enforcement officer. He also received 12 months in the Leavenworth County Jail for the interference charges and 6 months for the DUI, which will run concurrently with each other, but consecutively to the 32-month sentence—totaling 44 months of incarceration.

Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson said:

“Lying, hindering, and fighting caused more time than just cooperating. Law enforcement officers have an inherently dangerous job that becomes even more dangerous when people don’t cooperate. Fortunately, no one was seriously hurt, but due to his actions, a man now must spend almost three years incarcerated.”