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# Inmate who used padlock in attack on prison employee awaits sentencing

**LEAVENWORTH, Kan. —** A 32-year-old inmate awaits sentencing after pleading no contest to charges related to attacking a Kansas Department of Corrections employee with a padlock at the Lansing Correctional Facility.

Breyon D. Mukes pleaded no contest Friday, Nov. 13, 2026, to aggravated battery, aggravated assault, and one count of trafficking contraband inside a correctional institution. The court accepted his plea and found him guilty.

According to court records, Mukes was an inmate at the Lansing Correctional Facility when the attack occurred on May 2, 2025.

During the incident, Mukes went to the employee's office and began speaking with her. He then walked around her desk and struck her in the head several times with a combination padlock, knocking her to the floor.

Witnesses reported seeing Mukes standing over the victim holding a padlock in his hand after entering the victim's office. Once Mukes was restrained by staff members, the victim was transported by ambulance to an area hospital.

Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson said correctional employees face challenging and potentially dangerous situations while working to maintain safety inside correctional facilities.

"Our thoughts remain with the employee who was attacked. We appreciate her service and are thankful for the co-workers who came to her aid," Thompson said. "Correctional employees work in what can be

a difficult environment, and their commitment to not only protecting residents, but their co-workers deserves recognition."

A sentencing hearing is scheduled for Dec. 18, 2026, at 1 p.m.