

Leavenworth teen sentenced to prison for making threats that forced the temporary closure of a public pool

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An 18-year-old Leavenworth teen who used Snapchat to make a threat that resulted in the temporary closure of a public pool has been sentenced to prison.

Landen W. Burgess has been sentenced to 29 months in the Kansas Department of Corrections for attempted aggravated criminal threat. Burgess used Snapchat to threaten an employee of the Wollman Pool, a public pool in Leavenworth. As a result of the threat, the pool was temporarily closed. Burgess was arrested by a Leavenworth police officer on July 27, 2023.

According to court documents, Burgess sent a picture of himself holding a gun and pointing it at the camera in a threatening manner. Additionally, Snapchat records showed a series of threatening text messages sent on July 26 and 27.

Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson said, "Threatening comments can lead to a conviction and a prison sentence, as was the case here." Thompson continued, "We're grateful nothing more serious occurred, and we were able to respect the victim's wishes."