

Nursing home resident pleads guilty to possession of meth

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LEAVENWORTH, Kan. --- A resident of a Tonganoxie nursing home has pleaded guilty to possessing methamphetamine.

Carol L. Jones, born on December 2, 1955, was found to have possessed the controlled substance on November 11, 2022. Jones pleaded guilty on Wednesday, May 17.

According to court documents, nursing home staff members discovered an unauthorized pill bottle in Jones' room. The bottle contained a white substance, which was later tested by a Tonganoxie police officer and found to have a presumptive presence of methamphetamine. Prior to the bottle being located, nursing home staff reported Jones had left with a friend earlier in the week.

Jones was questioned by police and admitted the bottle belonged to her. Originally, Jones stated she acquired the bottle from a local thrift store but denied the source of the contents.

Later, officers returned to the facility on reports that Jones had written concerning notes. When questioned, Jones told officers she wrote the notes because she feared going to jail. While officers were on scene, Jones made a statement surrounding her addiction to methamphetamine as well. Officers determined her admission about methamphetamine addiction gave cause to believe Jones unlawfully possessed a controlled substance.

Jones was not taken into custody. Tonganoxie police submitted the case to the Leavenworth County Attorney's office for disposition.

Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson said, "We want to thank the alert staff members at this nursing home, their awareness is to be commended."

Sentencing is scheduled for June 23.