

## **Tonganoxie Man found guilty of threatening police officer during phone call**

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CASE NUMBER: 2023-CR-000646

LEAVENWORTH, Kan. --- A man who threatened to go to the Tonganoxie Police Station and harm a police officer has been found guilty.

Darren Bennett, 54, of Tonganoxie, Kansas, was found guilty of disorderly conduct following a “no contest” plea on Wednesday, January 18, 2024.

Court documents state that on the evening of April 14, 2023, Bennett called an officer with the Tonganoxie Police Department following the arrest of a family member. During the conversation, Bennett was angry and stated, “I am on my way to your station to (expletive) you up!” The officer took the statement as a threat and specifically inquired if Bennett was trying to threaten him. Bennett responded to the officer, saying, “You guarantee I am.”

Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson said, “Law enforcement officers have difficult jobs; threats like these are inexcusable and illegal. If you’re upset with law enforcement, there are proper ways to handle yourself and to handle the filing of a complaint.”