

Man sentenced following global plea deal

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LEAVENWORTH, Kan. --- A Lansing man, well-known to area law enforcement, is going to prison. David A. Kelly, 30, was sentenced to 46 months in prison after entering a global plea deal earlier this year.

A Leavenworth County judge delivered the sentences after denying Kelly's request for probation and after determining that public safety is best served by Kelly going to prison.

Kelly received a total of 46 months in prison based on the following:

On August 13, 2022, Kelly entered and barricaded himself inside the victim's Lansing home. Before entering the home, Kelly broke a window on the victim's car. While inside the home, Kelly broke, destroyed, and defaced two televisions, a laptop computer, a refrigerator, a child's Sony PlayStation 4, a window, a curtain rod, and a vacuum. Kelly's behavior resulted in charges of felony criminal damage to property.

On November 27, 2022, Kelly returned to the Lansing home. Kelly attempted to enter the home but was denied by the victim. Kelly then picked up a nearby cinderblock and threw it at the windshield of the victim's vehicle, shattering the windshield and scratching the vehicle's hood. Kelly's behavior resulted in a charge of misdemeanor criminal damage to property.

On February 22, 2023, a Leavenworth Police officer spotted David Kelly driving a white Cadillac near 10th Avenue and Pennsylvania Street. The officer knew that Kelly's driver's license had been suspended and attempted to initiate a traffic stop by turning on his emergency lights and sirens. However, Kelly immediately started driving at a high rate of speed against oncoming traffic. Several vehicles had to swerve off the road to avoid a collision. Eventually, Kelly parked his car illegally in the area of Third Avenue and Santa Fe and made a run for it. The officers towed Kelly's car and found a small bag containing a white crystal substance. During an inventory search, the substance tested positive for methamphetamine leading to a charge of possession of methamphetamine.

Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson said, "We always want to see those in need get help, but there's a point when it's safer for them and the community to have those who offend in prison."