

Inmate who bit officer sentenced to additional prison time

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LEAVENWORTH, Kan. --- A 69-year-old Lansing inmate seated in a wheelchair when he bit a corrections officer has been sentenced to serve 32 months in the Kansas Department of Corrections on the charge of **attempted battery of a law enforcement officer**.

According to court documents, Dennis E. Shaw, a Lansing Correctional Facility inmate, was making inappropriate comments to a female corrections officer before the incident. When officers attempted to push Shaw's wheelchair away from the shower area, Shaw put the right brake on his wheelchair. When an officer released the break, Shaw grabbed the officer's right arm and refused orders to release his grip. When Shaw refused orders, pressure points were used to gain compliance. Shaw then bit one of the officers on the right forearm, drawing blood.

The 32-month sentence Shaw received Wednesday will begin after the sentence Shaw is already serving.

County Attorney Todd Thompson, "Corrections work is a tough job that can involve a lot of dangers. We prosecute and do what we can to protect from these situations."