

## **Leavenworth man sentenced for kissing neighbor's nanny**

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LEAVENWORTH, Kan. --- A Leavenworth man accused of kissing a 17-year-old nanny without her consent has been sentenced.

Michael G. Moreau, 62, received a six-month suspended jail sentence and was placed on one-year supervised probation.

Moreau was charged after a 17-year-old nanny, who was working for a nearby neighbor, reported the incident to the police.

Court documents state, on September 8, 2021, Moreau had gone to the residence after previously borrowing a lawnmower. Moreau went inside the home after the nanny, who was 17-years-old at the time, answered the door. Once inside, Moreau eventually grabbed the nanny by both shoulders telling her to close her eyes. After the nanny complied, Moreau kissed her on her lips without her consent to do so. The owners of the residence were not home at the time of the incident. The child the nanny was caring for was asleep at the time Moreau entered the residence.

Originally charged with sexual battery, Moreau pled guilty to a lesser charge of misdemeanor battery on March 8, 2023. Assistant County Attorney Mary McMullen stated that the plea, and the possible sentence, were discussed with the nanny at length before any agreements were made. The plea moved forward because the nanny felt it provided the best and most comfortable outcome for her.

Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson said, "A kiss isn't always just a kiss, like the circumstances we have here. It took a lot for the young woman to come forward, we want to thank her for her courage in stepping forward."