

Chopper Shopper Card Connects a Bag of Drugs to Suspect

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Leavenworth, Kan. – Jamaal T. Younger, 42, of Leavenworth, was sentenced Thursday, March 30, to 68 months in prison on a felony drug charge. Deputies used a grocery store receipt and a rewards program number to connect some evidence to Younger.

Younger pled guilty to **distribution or possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance**. The plea came after Younger waved his right to a trial in April of 2022.

Court documents state that on May 17, 2021, a Leavenworth County deputy attempted to conduct a traffic stop in the area of McPherson Road and Wolcott Road. During the attempted stop, Younger fled a short distance before eventually stopping and apologizing for running. Younger told the deputy he fled because he believed he had a warrant for child support.

While outside of his car, Younger asked deputies to close his windows due to his dog being inside and the potential risk of the dog exiting and attacking officers. When deputies closed the windows, they could smell the odor of marijuana.

Younger's car was searched. Inside the vehicle, deputies located numerous illegal narcotics and paraphernalia. During an additional search of the area, a deputy located a black backpack that was believed to have been tossed by Younger during the pursuit. Inside this bag, deputies found THC medicated Skittles packages, a heat-sealed bag containing a large amount of a green leafy substance and baggies. Deputies also found a torn Price Chopper receipt displaying a Chopper Shopper Rewards number. Deputies confirmed Younger owned the backpack by verifying the rewards number on the receipt was registered to Younger.

Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson said, "Fentanyl has been such an epidemic, killing so many people, we are fighting all drugs to try to limit the exposure. We are lucky for the intuitiveness of our law enforcement in their investigations to assure convictions."

The total amount of marijuana seized yielded a field weight of 473.7 grams.