Leavenworth man sentenced for threatening police officer outside Justice Center

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LEAVENWORTH, Kan. --- A 41-year-old Leavenworth man who threatened a police officer in the parking lot of the Leavenworth Justice Center has been sentenced.

Anthony A. Dunkle was sentenced to 17 months in prison on January 3, 2025, for a single count of criminal threat. Dunkle was convicted of this charge on Nov. 20, 2024.

According to court documents, Dunkle was in the parking lot of the Leavenworth Justice Center, which houses the Leavenworth Police Department, searching for an officer with a mustache. While there, he approached an officer and demanded to know the whereabouts of the officer he was trying to find. Eventually, the officer alerted dispatch that Anthony was in the parking lot. When additional officers arrived, Dunkle identified one of them as the officer with a mustache. At that point, Dunkle made several threatening statements directed at the identified officer.

"The roles of law enforcement officers can be both challenging and dangerous. It is essential that officers can execute their responsibilities without the fear of being attacked." Thompson continued, "Should you have concerns regarding law enforcement, it is important to follow appropriate channels to address these issues."