

Leavenworth man convicted of threatening police officer outside Justice Center

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

On Nov. 20, 2024, Anthony A. Dunkle entered a no-contest plea to a single count of Criminal Threat. The court accepted his plea and found him guilty.

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.

Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson said, "Our law enforcement officers have difficult and often dangerous jobs. Officers should be able to do their jobs without fear of attack." Thompson continued, "If you have an issue with law enforcement, there are proper ways of handling it."

A sentencing hearing is scheduled for Jan. 3, 2025.