

Inmate convicted of using shank in attack of corrections officer

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LEAVENWORTH, Kan. --- A jury has found a Lansing Correctional Facility inmate who used a “shank” during an attack on a corrections officer guilty of **Battery Against a Law Enforcement Officer**. The verdict was reached on Oct. 28, 2024.

On January 12, 2023, a Lansing correctional officer was attacked and battered while attempting to break up a fight involving 34-year-old inmate Eli Mendoza and another inmate. During the altercation, Mendoza hit the officer in the head several times. Following the fight, a shaved-down homemade device was discovered. Although hit several times, the officer didn’t require stitches.

Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson said, “We will always fight for the rights of those that protect us. People incarcerated can still violate the law. We want to assure that we hold accountable anyone who harms those that work to protect us, because those officers fight to keep us safe and those within the facility safe.”

A sentencing hearing in this case is scheduled for Dec. 4, 2024.