

## **Woman who used an umbrella during an attempted robbery of a Wendy's employee is sentenced**

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LEAVENWORTH, Kan. --- A 40-year-old Leavenworth woman who used an umbrella to hit a Wendy's employee while attempting to take a bag of money has been sentenced.

Emily K. Thompson was arrested on August 10, 2023, after attempting to flee the scene of an attempted robbery. According to court documents, Thompson approached an employee in the parking lot of the Wendy's located just south of downtown Leavenworth. The victim had just returned from the bank and was holding a bag containing cash when Thompson approached and asked for \$2.00. After the victim said he didn't have anything to give, Thompson attempted to gain possession of the money bag. During Thompson's attempt to take the bag, she used an umbrella to hit the victim in the back and the ribs numerous times.

On October 18, 2023, a judge sentenced Thompson to serve probation for 18 months on an attempted robbery charge. The judge sentenced Thompson to 16 months in the Kansas Department of Corrections but suspended the sentence and granted probation per the Kansas Sentencing Guidelines and due to the lack of the defendant's criminal history. The probation includes a mental health screening and drug and alcohol screenings with an order to abstain from any of these substances. Ramifications for not abiding by the order will lead to incarceration.

Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson said, "This sad situation could've ended much worse. Our victim prevented property from being taken and potentially stopped future crimes. At this point, we can only hope the defendant can do better and turn her life around."