

## Platte City man who unlawfully possessed fentanyl awaits sentencing

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CASE NUMBER: 2023-CR-000349

LEAVENWORTH, Kan. --- Eric A. Elliot, 45, of Platte City, Missouri, has been found guilty of unlawfully possessing fentanyl.

On August 8, 2022, an officer with the Basehor Police Department stopped the vehicle Elliot was operating after noticing the vehicle had crossed the centerline of the roadway. The traffic stop occurred near 15400 Parallel Road in Basehor, Kansas, at about 4:30 pm.

During the traffic stop, the officer noticed aluminum foil and straws inside the vehicle. Inside the aluminum foil, a substance was found that would later test positive for fentanyl.

Elliot pled “no contest” to **Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance**, a drug severity level 5 felony, during a hearing held December 29, 2023. The judge accepted Elliot’s plea and found him guilty.

Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson said, “Fentanyl is dangerous, not only for those who abuse it but also for our dedicated law enforcement officers and lab technicians who have to handle and test these substances. Please remember, we must remember that one pill can kill.”

A sentencing hearing is scheduled for February 9, 2024.