

## **Man who ran from homeless shelter has been sentenced to serve time in prison**

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LEAVENWORTH, KAN. --- A Leavenworth man who was on probation when he ran from a homeless shelter to avoid arrest has been sentenced to serve 16 months in the Kansas Department of Corrections.

A jury found Eric J. Brown, 33, guilty on a charge of interference with law enforcement – obstruction of official duty on July 24, 2023.

On the morning of April 5, Brown was apprehended by two Leavenworth Police officers after attempting to flee. According to court documents, an officer spotted Brown walking near Downtown Leavenworth at the intersection of Kickapoo and Third Streets. When the officer lost sight of Brown, backup was called in, and officers headed to a nearby homeless shelter that Brown was known to frequent. Officers eventually saw Brown running from the shelter, and after Brown refused to stop, officers pursued him on foot. Brown was ultimately taken into custody after he stopped running and sat on a cement retaining wall in an alleyway near Kickapoo and Fifth Streets.

County Attorney Todd Thompson said, “Interfering with law enforcement is a serious crime; we appreciate our officers and their dedication to keeping our community safe.”