

Man who ran from shelter to avoid police has been found guilty

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LEAVENWORTH, KAN. --- A Leavenworth man who ran from a homeless shelter to avoid police has been found guilty by a Leavenworth County Jury.

Eric J. Brown, 33, was found guilty on a charge of interference with law enforcement – obstruction of official duty.

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. As Brown was wanted on a felony warrant, the officer headed to a homeless shelter that Brown was known to frequent. Officers eventually saw Brown running from the shelter and ordered him to stop, but he refused and continued to run. The officers then pursued Brown until he eventually sat down on a cement retaining wall in an alleyway near Kickapoo and Fifth Streets. It was at this point that Brown was taken into custody.

County Attorney Todd Thompson said, “It is never a good idea to run from law enforcement. Not only can someone get hurt, but the person running gets more charges. We appreciate the effort our law enforcement takes to protect us.”

Sentencing is scheduled for August 18 at 11 a.m.