

Inmate sentenced in case involving plastic food tray, death of fellow inmate

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LEAVENWORTH, Kan. --- Earlier this week, a man who used a plastic food tray and his feet in the death of a fellow inmate was sentenced to 88 months (7.3 years) in prison.

On Thursday, Feb. 29, A jury found Richey Ray Farmer, 30, guilty of Voluntary Manslaughter for the Aug. 2, 2021, death of Scott Wilson. At the time, both Farmer and Wilson were inmates at CoreCivic's Leavenworth Detention Center. This privately run, maximum-security federal prison was contracted with the United States Marshals Service.

According to court documents, Richey Ray Farmer struck Scott Wray Wilson with a plastic food tray and then used his feet to kick and stomp Wilson. Following the incident, Wilson was transported to a Kansas City area hospital, where he later succumbed to his injuries. Farmer would later claim he was acting in self-defense when he struck and kicked Wilson.

Judge Gerald Kuckelman sentenced Farmer to an 88-month prison sentence, with the opportunity to get 15% of time off that sentence if he has good behavior. Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson said, "This was a horrific beating. Not only was Wilson hit with a tray, he was repeatedly kicked to death. We appreciate our juries who have decided these cases."