

Leavenworth man receives life sentence for child sex crime

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LEAVENWORTH, Kan. --- A Leavenworth man who entered an apartment with a knife and assaulted a child has been handed a life sentence.

On Wednesday, May 22, 2024, a judge sentenced Robert Earl Hagar III, 53, to a life sentence with a mandatory 25 years in prison for **Aggravated Indecent Liberties with a Child** and six months in jail for **Possession of Marijuana**. Both sentences will run currently. A Leavenworth County jury found Hagar guilty as charged on March 19, 2024.

According to court documents, on June 24, 2023, Leavenworth police officers were dispatched to an apartment complex near downtown Leavenworth about a man with a knife who touched a child inappropriately. After arriving, officers established a perimeter before arresting Hagar.

The victim, a child under the age of 14 who was spending the night at a family friend's apartment, answered a knock at the door. When the victim answered the door, a man, later identified as Hagar, entered the apartment holding a knife, kissed the victim on her lips, and touched her inappropriately. The victim escaped Hagar and ran to another apartment for help. After the victim escaped, an adult inside the apartment then found Hagar and told him to leave.

Officers were able to quickly identify Hagar and a knife that he left at the crime scene. Hagar was arrested inside his apartment, which was located inside the same apartment complex. While Hagar was being processed into jail, he was found to be in possession of marijuana.

Leavenworth County Attorney said, "The strength displayed by the survivor in this incident is simply amazing. Trauma like this is never easy for anyone to have to relive. Her perseverance throughout this trial helped us land a conviction."