

# **Jury convicts man who inappropriately touched child**

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CASE NUMBER: 2023-CR-000405

LEAVENWORTH, Kan. --- On March 19, 2024, a jury found Robert Earl Hagar III, a 53-year-old man, guilty of Aggravated Indecent Liberties with a Child, Aggravated Burglary, and Possession of Marijuana. Hagar was found guilty as charged.

On June 24, 2023, Leavenworth police officers were dispatched to an apartment complex near downtown Leavenworth in reference to a man with a knife who touched a child inappropriately. After arriving, officers established a perimeter before arresting Hagar.

According to court documents, 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 with a knife entered the apartment. The man, later identified as Robert Earl Hagar III, entered the apartment, 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, "It took an amazing amount of strength for the survivor to testify. Her assistance and that of her family is greatly appreciated. "

This case is scheduled for sentencing on May 5, 2024.