

# Inmate who struck corrections officer given additional prison time

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CASE NUMBER: LV-2024-CR-000176

LEAVENWORTH, Kan. --- A 33-year-old Lansing Correctional Facility inmate who hit a corrections officer has been sentenced to additional prison time.

On Wednesday, August 28, 2024, inmate Andrew Hexum was sentenced to 53 months in the Kansas Department of Corrections for the charge of Battery of a LEO: State Correctional Officer. The court ordered that Hexum's sentence be served consecutively to any existing sentences he is already serving.

According to court documents, on March 8, 2022, Hexum was being escorted to a restrictive housing unit at Lansing Correctional Facility following an earlier altercation with another inmate during mealtime. When the corrections officer instructed Hexum to comply while being placed in restraints for transport, he became aggressive and disrespectful. Hexum then attempted to punch the officer but missed, instead striking her in the face with his elbow.

"Our corrections officers have difficult and often dangerous jobs, and they go to work knowing the risk. I'm thankful that this officer fully recovered, and thank her for her dedication," said Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson.