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KCK woman sentenced to prison for role in Leavenworth County pursuit

LEAVENWORTH, Kan. — A Kansas City, Kansas, woman who led law enforcement officers on a pursuit that culminated in a passenger firing at deputies has been sentenced to prison.

Mariah A. Huggins, 29, was sentenced June 24, 2026, to 12 months in prison after pleading guilty May 15, 2026, to one count of fleeing or attempting to elude a law enforcement officer by engaging in reckless driving.

The case stems from a Nov. 21, 2025, pursuit that began when deputies with the Leavenworth County Sheriff's Office were attempting to locate Huggins' passenger, Andrew M. Amundsen.

According to court documents, Huggins accelerated away from deputies, initiating a pursuit. During the chase, Amundsen leaned out of the passenger window and fired multiple rounds at a pursuing deputy.

The pursuit ended when Huggins' vehicle entered a residential neighborhood and collided with another vehicle occupied by two people. No serious injuries were reported.

Amundsen later exited the vehicle, fired additional shots at another deputy, and fled on foot before being taken into custody. Earlier this month, Amundsen was sentenced to life in prison after pleading no contest to attempted capital murder and aggravated assault of a law enforcement officer.

County Attorney Todd Thompson said, "When someone chooses to flee from law enforcement, they put officers, innocent motorists and themselves at risk. There is simply no benefit to fleeing from law enforcement."

The case was investigated by the Kansas Bureau of Investigation with assistance from the Leavenworth County Sheriff's Office and the Basehor Police Department.