

Leavenworth man seen performing lewd act in orange Mini Cooper pleads guilty

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LEAVENWORTH, Kan. --- A Leavenworth man who was seen pleasuring himself inside an orange Mini Cooper has pled guilty.

Jacob Edward Loyd Thompson, 25, pled guilty Friday to lewd and lascivious behavior. A judge accepted the plea and found Thompson guilty.

On the morning of April 28, 2023, around 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., a woman over the age of 18 was driving from the QuikTrip in Lansing when she was followed by a distinct vehicle, an orange Mini Cooper. The driver of the Mini Cooper would later be identified as Jacob Thompson. The victim thought Thompson wanted to pass due to the speed at which he was traveling. Instead of passing, Thompson pulled his vehicle to the side of her car, exposed himself, and started masturbating. Following the incident, the victim told co-workers about what had happened. During that conversation, a co-worker told the victim the same thing happened to her. The co-worker noted the man honked his horn to get her attention.

During the investigation, law enforcement used license plate information and the suspect descriptions provided by the victims to identify Thompson as a person of interest. One of the victims later identified Thompson in a photo lineup.

Sentencing is scheduled for October 25 at 11:00 a.m.

Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson, no relation to the defendant, said, "This case would not have been prosecuted if not for the collection of the public coming forward and reporting it. This case serves as a reminder that if you see something, say something."