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Jury finds Leavenworth woman guilty of fleeing from police

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LEAVENWORTH, Kan. --- A jury on Monday, Sept. 15, 2025, found Jaden E. Haynes, 19, of Leavenworth, guilty of fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer. The trial lasted one day.

According to court records, Haynes was arrested on March 4, 2025, after crashing the vehicle she was driving into at least one other vehicle at the intersection of 10th Avenue and Eisenhower Road in Leavenworth.

A Leavenworth police officer first observed the vehicle near the 3100 block of 10th Avenue. The vehicle was traveling with no headlights on, changing lanes without signaling, and speeding. The officer activated emergency lights and siren, made a U-turn, and attempted to catch up.

As speeds reached more than 87 mph, the officer quickly discontinued the pursuit and deactivated emergency equipment. A short time later, the vehicle was found crashed at 10th Avenue and Eisenhower Road. Haynes was observed running from the scene but stopped when ordered to do so by the officer, who then arrested her. Following her arrest, it was determined that Haynes fled due to having an expired license.

Sentencing is set for Oct. 31, 2025.

Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson said, "Because this driver decided to flee from police due to having an expired license – even after law enforcement disengaged - a crash occurred, and people were hurt. If the defendant had obeyed simple traffic rules or stopped for the police, people wouldn't have been injured, and a felony would not be on her record. Pull over for law enforcement – driving is a privilege, not a right." Thompson added, "In this case, it was fortunate that none of the victims suffered life-threatening injuries."