

Inmate who threatened attorney sentenced to prison

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LEAVENWORTH, Kan. --- A Lansing Correctional Facility inmate who threatened an attorney has been sentenced to prison.

Joseph Clifford Elms, 43, was convicted of **Criminal Threat** on July 10, 2024, after pleading guilty during a plea hearing. On Wednesday, Aug. 14, Elms was sentenced to 16 months in the Kansas Department of Corrections, to be served consecutively to any sentence Elms is already serving.

According to court documents, the victim, a licensed attorney, contacted a Special Agent with the Enforcement, Apprehensions, and Investigation Unit at the Lansing Correctional Facility. During a meeting between the agent and the victim, a letter written by Elms was reviewed. In the letter, Elms states that upon his release, he will pursue the victim until he is found. In the letter, Elms provides graphic details of the physical acts of violence he will perform on the victim.

Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson said, “No one should have to deal with threats of violence. If someone receives threatening letters, they should quickly contact law enforcement, as the victim in this case correctly did.”