

Inmate convicted in attack on prison guard

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LEAVENWORTH, Kan. --- On Monday, Oct. 21, 2024, a jury found a Lansing Correctional Facility inmate guilty of one count of battery against a law enforcement officer.

According to court documents, Justin D. Pierce, 41, injured one corrections officer during a disturbance that happened inside the Lansing Correctional Facility on Jan. 8, 2023. The attack occurred after Pierce approached and argued with the victim, who was working inside an officer station at the time. Pierce was directed to return to his cell but disregarded the command and entered the officer station, where he struck the victim with his fists. The victim received bruising to his legs and torso in the attack.

Pierce, who was charged with two counts of battery against a law enforcement officer, was found not guilty on one charge.

Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson said, "These corrections officers face adversity and danger every day they go to work. No matter the risk, these folks continue to serve proudly, and I applaud them for that."

A sentencing hearing in this case is scheduled for Dec. 6, 2024.