

Bonner Springs man guilty of furnishing alcohol to minor

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LEAVENWORTH, Kan. --- A Bonner Springs man has been convicted of providing alcohol to a minor during a party attended by dozens of juveniles.

55-year-old John D. Knutson pleaded guilty to one count of furnishing alcohol to a minor during a plea hearing held on January 15, 2025.

On September 21, 2024, Leavenworth County deputies responded to a home near N. 158th St. and Loring Rd. after receiving reports of an underage drinking party happening on the property. Upon arrival, deputies noticed several vehicles and numerous people believed to be under the legal drinking age. Knutson approached the deputies and identified himself as the owner of the property. When asked about the situation, Knutson confirmed knowledge of the underage drinking party.

Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson stated, “When someone allows underage drinking, they are not just ignoring the law – they are allowing a dangerous behavior to flourish, one that jeopardizes the health, safety, and future of young people. Fortunately, no one was seriously hurt that night.”