

Fentanyl possession results in guilty finding

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LEAVENWORTH, Kan. --- On August 2, 2024, Josiah Jamal Antone Leeks, a 28-year-old Leavenworth man, pleaded guilty to Possession of Fentanyl with Intent to Distribute. The court accepted Leeks' plea and found him guilty.

Leeks was arrested on Jan. 14, 2023, after crashing his car following an attempted traffic stop.

According to court documents, Leeks refused to stop for Leavenworth police at 4th Street and Evergreen Street. Leeks was known to have warrants out for his arrest. After failing to stop, Leeks attempted to outrun police by traveling at speeds higher than the posted speed limit. At 4th Street and Connie Street, responding officers found that Leeks' vehicle had collided with a tree.

During a search of Leeks' vehicle, officers found a backpack containing multiple pills, small plastic bags, and Leeks' driver's license. The pills discovered inside the backpack later tested positive for fentanyl.

Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson said, "Taking fentanyl off the streets is crucial to safeguarding our communities. We will do it one case at a time if we have to. This drug is responsible for a devastating number of overdoses. By removing fentanyl from circulation, we are helping to prevent the possibility of future tragedies."

Sentencing is scheduled for September 6, 2024.