

Man found guilty of interfering with a police investigation in case involving the abuse of a child

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LEAVENWORTH, Kan. --- Patrick Lee William Marcus-Jones, a 41-year-old Leavenworth man, pled no contest to interference with law enforcement during a hearing Thursday afternoon. The judge accepted the plea and found Marcus-Jones guilty.

According to court documents, Marcus-Jones called 911 on July 26, 2022, reporting that a one-year-old child was not breathing. When law enforcement and paramedics arrived at the home, Marcus-Jones told them the victim had possibly been injured during a pillow fight.

During the investigation, it was determined that the victim had suffered multiple injuries, including a fracture to his skull and a burn to his hand. Detectives with the Leavenworth Police Department determined that Marcus-Jones lied about who was at the home when the victim sustained the burn injury to his hand. This lie hindered the investigation, resulting in Marcus-Jones being charged with interference with law enforcement.

Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson said, "There are consequences for lying to law enforcement. We would always hope people would be forthcoming and helpful. As a community, we should strive to help and protect one another."

A sentencing hearing is scheduled for November 1.