

# Rolling shootout, police pursuit results in convictions

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CASE NUMBER: LV-2023-CR-000468

LEAVENWORTH, Kan. --- A Leavenworth man awaits sentencing on charges related to a rolling shootout and a police pursuit.

On Wednesday, August 21, 2024, 39-year-old Benjamin Allen McGee entered no-contest pleas to two counts of aggravated assault, one count of fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer, and one count of interfering with law enforcement.

According to court documents, McGee committed the crime of Interference with Law Enforcement when he fled on foot from a Leavenworth police officer at approximately 5 a.m. from the area of the 700 block of North 13<sup>th</sup> Terrace.

On Aug. 27, 2022, McGee committed the crimes of aggravated assault. As detailed in court documents, McGee attempted to burglarize an outbuilding on property near 207<sup>th</sup> and Turner Road in Leavenworth County. When confronted by one of the victims and asked to leave the property, McGee pointed a gun at the victim and fired shots in the victim's direction. As McGee fled the scene in a vehicle, a second victim arrived and pursued him. During the pursuit, which lasted until officers arrived, McGee and the second victim exchanged gunfire. The second victim told police that he fired at the suspect's vehicle to force McGee to stop shooting at him. The pursuit ended at the Missouri state line, where law enforcement stopped chasing the suspect's vehicle.

McGee committed the crime of fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer on Sept. 21, 2022. According to court records, McGee fled from police while in the area of Stranger Road and Wolcott Road in Leavenworth County. Leavenworth County deputies had responded to the area at 4:50 p.m. to look for a stolen vehicle. While there, deputies witnessed a car driven by McGee leave a nearby driveway at a high speed. Deputies pursued McGee for nearly 19 minutes until losing sight of the vehicle and terminated the pursuit.

Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson said, "Thank you to law enforcement for working on these multiple cases to ensure the safety of our community."

Sentencing is scheduled for Sept. 15, 2024.