

# Keep the peace call results in prison sentence for Lansing man

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CASE NUMBER: LV-2024-CR-300061

LEAVENWORTH, Kan. --- A 56-year-old Lansing man who threatened family members with an AR-15 rifle and forced officers to take cover has been sentenced to prison.

Michael D. Wiederholt was sentenced to six months in the Kansas Department of Corrections on Friday, Sept. 6, 2024, for making a criminal threat.

According to court documents, on Jan. 24, 2024, Lansing police officers responded to a residence near Nina Street and South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street regarding a “Keep the Peace” call involving Wiederholt. Upon arrival, officers observed Wiederholt standing in the garage. Wiederholt began threatening officers, stating that if they did not leave, he would get his AR. Wiederholt eventually went inside the home and returned holding a rifle. Officers drew their service weapons, took cover, and told Wiederholt that if he went back inside the house, they would leave.

Wiederholt was ultimately taken into custody, and on Jan. 26, 2024, he was formally charged with making a criminal threat. On July 24, 2024, he pleaded no contest to the charge.

Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson said, “Our officers face danger whenever they go to work. We are lucky to have people who want to serve our community by ensuring the safety of all.”