

Leavenworth woman who used Facebook Messenger to harass man awaits sentencing

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LEAVENWORTH, Kan. — A 44-year-old Leavenworth woman who used Facebook Messenger to harass a man has pleaded no contest to charges of interference with a law enforcement officer and harassment by a telecommunication device.

Miranda R. Spurling entered the plea during a hearing on May 30 in Leavenworth County District Court. She is scheduled to be sentenced on July 2, 2025.

The harassment charge stems from an incident on Feb. 22, 2025, when officers with the Leavenworth Police Department responded to a residence in Leavenworth after a man reported receiving threatening messages from Spurling via Facebook Messenger. The victim told officers he had blocked four of Spurling's Facebook accounts in the past, but she continued to create new accounts to contact him.

According to investigators, the messages were threatening in nature. In one message, Spurling wrote that the victim "deserves a bullet between the eyes."

Later that same day, officers located Spurling at another Leavenworth address and arrested her on an additional charge of interfering with a law enforcement officer.

Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson said, "Words can hurt — and they can also constitute a crime. If someone does not want contact with you, don't persist. Life is short — don't waste your time or commit a crime."