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Leavenworth County Jury Convicts Leavenworth Man of Interference, Eluding Law Enforcement

LEAVENWORTH, Kan. --- A Leavenworth County jury on Jan. 26, 2026, found Nathan C. Bell, 72, of Leavenworth, guilty of interference with a law enforcement officer and fleeing or attempting to elude a law enforcement officer following a one-day jury trial. Sentencing is scheduled for 11 a.m. Feb. 27, 2026.

According to court documents, the charges stem from an incident that occurred just after midnight on July 1, 2025, when a Leavenworth patrol officer was on routine patrol near Cherokee Street and South Broadway Street. The officer observed a black SUV and recognized the vehicle.

The vehicle pulled to the side of the road, and as the officer passed, he recognized Bell as the driver. The officer continued driving to observe Bell's actions and saw that Bell had parked. While the officer waited for backup, Bell left the area in the SUV.

The officer followed Bell's vehicle and activated emergency equipment to initiate a traffic stop. Bell continued driving and ultimately parked in his driveway in the area of 14th and Dakota streets in Leavenworth. When the officer exited his patrol vehicle and issued commands, Bell did not comply; he exited his vehicle and walked toward his residence while disobeying the officer's lawful orders to stop.

"Interfering with law enforcement and fleeing from officers creates dangerous situations that put everyone at risk - not just law enforcement, but the defendant and others as well." Leavenworth County Attorney Todd G. Thompson said.