

Leavenworth man who bit baby sentenced to prison

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LEAVENWORTH, Kan. --- A 23-year-old Leavenworth man has been sentenced on a charge related to the biting of a baby.

During today's sentencing hearing, **Benjamin Frederick Douglas Oakes**, who pleaded guilty to Aggravated Battery on Feb. 21, 2024, was sentenced to 32 months in the Kansas Department of Corrections.

On Friday, June 9, 2023, the Leavenworth Police Department was contacted by a social worker at a Kansas City area hospital concerning a child under the age of one who was believed to have been abused. According to court documents, the social worker noted bruising on the victim's body consistent with human bite marks.

During an interview with a Leavenworth police detective, Oakes confessed to causing the injuries. He admitted to biting the child once while she was crying and also admitted to using his teeth to grip the child's arm to steady the child while changing a diaper.

Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson said, "This case is absolutely heartbreaking. The abuse suffered by this innocent child is unfathomable, and it's our duty to ensure that justice is served."