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Ear-biting case results in prison sentence

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LEAVENWORTH, Kan. --- On Nov. 5, 2025, Alvaro E. Pertuz, 25, was sentenced to 66 months in the Kansas Department of Corrections for aggravated battery following his conviction earlier this year.

On Aug. 25, 2025, a Leavenworth County jury found Pertuz guilty after a trial that lasted less than one day.

According to court records, Pertuz was charged on July 25, 2022, after an incident inside the Leavenworth County Jail. Court documents state that Pertuz was participating in a basketball game inside the Rec Pod when, at one point during the game, Pertuz jumped on the back of his victim, who was a fellow inmate, and bit off the top of the victim's ear.

Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson said: "The law applies inside and outside correctional facilities," Thompson said. "Violence will not be tolerated, no matter where it occurs. Everyone -whether staff or inmate - deserves to be safe."