

Second man sentenced on charges related to pistol-whipping, gun thefts

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LEAVENWORTH, Kan. --- A 27-year-old Leavenworth man has been sentenced on charges related to the “pistol-whipping” and robbery of a man inside a Leavenworth apartment.

Quarvell R. Harris was sentenced today on individual counts of aggravated robbery and aggravated burglary. Harris, who pled no contest to the charges in May 2023, was sentenced to 58 months in the Kansas Department of Corrections.

Harris is the second defendant sentenced in this case. In Sept. 2023, Antonio F. Nelson was sentenced to 59 months in the Kansas Department of Corrections, also on individual counts of aggravated robbery and aggravated burglary.

According to court documents, the attack happened on Jan. 3, 2023, inside an apartment located near Shrine Park Road and McDonald Road. Nelson entered the victim’s apartment first. Approximately 30 minutes after arriving, Nelson told the victim he was thirsty. When the victim returned with a glass of water, Nelson and Harris were waiting for him. While the victim was in the kitchen, Harris snuck into the apartment. Both men hit the victim. Harris continued to beat the victim with a pistol while Nelson grabbed a rope, placed it around the victim’s neck, and tightened it until the victim lost consciousness. While the victim was passed out, Harris took multiple guns before leaving the scene with Nelson.

Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson said, “This was a heinous crime and should never have happened. Our office fights to protect our community. We want people to feel like they can be neighborly without concern.”