

Man popped for burglary at popcorn shop sentenced to prison

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LEAVENWORTH, Kan. --- A 41-year-old Iowa man who stole a dolly from a Leavenworth business that sells specialty popcorn has been sentenced to prison.

A jury found Randy Dean Burton guilty of Burglary and Theft on Aug. 5, 2024. On Sept. 6, 2024, a judge sentenced Randy Dean Burton to 27 months in the Kansas Department of Corrections for Burglary and 12 months in the Leavenworth County Jail for Theft. Both sentences were ordered to run concurrently.

According to court documents, on April 22, 2023, Randy Dean Burton entered a detached shed located on the victim's property near North Broadway Street and Cheyenne Street and took a four-wheeled hand dolly. On April 23, 2023, Leavenworth police officers responded to the area of Quincy Street and Washington Street for a vehicle blocking the road. After being unable to locate the owner, the vehicle was towed. During a tow inventory search, an Iowa driver's license belonging to Randy Dean Burton was found.

During the investigation, it was determined that the towed vehicle matched the description of the vehicle that took the victim's dolly. Officers returned to Quincy Street and Washington Street, where they located the stolen dolly and Burton. Burton was arrested for burglary and theft and transported to the Leavenworth County Jail.

Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson said, "Many small business owners work tirelessly to keep their lights on and doors open while pursuing their dreams. It's discouraging to see these businesses preyed upon, but if my office can hold those thieves accountable, we will."