

Man popped for burglary at popcorn specialty shop property found guilty by jury

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LEAVENWORTH, Kan. --- A jury has found a 41-year-old Iowa man guilty of stealing a dolly from a Leavenworth business that sells specialty popcorn.

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 placed under arrest for burglary and theft and transported to the Leavenworth County Jail.

Burton was found guilty of individual charges of Theft and Burglary on Aug. 5, 2024. A sentencing hearing is scheduled for Sept. 6, 2024.

Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson said, "It's disheartening to see local businesses fall victim to opportunistic thieves, especially since these small businesses are a backbone of our community. If someone takes what doesn't belong to them, my office will hold them accountable."