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Leavenworth woman caught sleeping in running car convicted on drug-related charges OFFICE OF LEAVENWORTH COUNTY ATTORNEY TODD THOMPSON, COUNTY ATTORNEY

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LEAVENWORTH, Kan. --- A Leavenworth woman has been convicted of drug-related charges following a 2024 incident in which police found her sleeping in a running vehicle.

On Friday, Sept. 5, 2025, Rhaune L. Taylor, 25, of Leavenworth, was convicted of **unlawful distribution of a controlled substance** and **possession of amphetamine.**

Taylor pleaded no contest to the unlawful distribution charge, and the judge found her guilty. She pleaded guilty to possession of amphetamine, which the judge accepted and entered a guilty finding. **Sentencing is scheduled for** Oct. 10, 2025.

According to court documents, on March 18, 2024, just after 6 a.m., a Leavenworth police officer was dispatched to the area of 4th and Cheyenne on a report of an individual slumped over in a vehicle. Upon arrival, the officer found Taylor asleep in the driver's seat of a car that was parked at an angle in a stall with the engine running.

The officer knocked on the window, and Taylor woke up, eventually exiting the vehicle. During a search of her car and purse, police found numerous pills, including some that later tested positive for amphetamine. Taylor was later charged with unlawful distribution of a controlled substance and possession of amphetamine.

"Drug offenses like this are serious because they not only harm the individual but also threaten the safety and well-being of our community," said Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson. "This conviction demonstrates our commitment to holding offenders accountable and working to keep dangerous substances off our streets."