

Man found guilty after yelling profanities at child care worker

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LEAVENWORTH, KAN. --- A 59-year-old Leavenworth man has been found guilty of disorderly conduct after shouting obscenities at a child care worker in front of a van full of children and a preschool.

On April 13, 2023, Kansas Highway Patrol troopers and a Leavenworth County Sheriff's deputy arrested Richard M. Sherman, born on March 28, 1964, at a child care center on the outskirts of Tonganoxie, Kansas.

The victim testified that while driving a van with 13 children she saw Sherman walking towards the child care center. She stopped near the entrance and informed Sherman that the building was no longer a church. Sherman became angry and started cursing. The victim rolled up her window and drove the van to the front door of the center, followed by another van with 12 children. Sherman followed both vans and attempted to open the door of the building when they reached the center. Sherman approached the door of the facility, which is also where the children were going from the van. Sherman exclaimed he just wanted water, but wouldn't stop yelling and cursing. Finally, the victim had to tell Sherman that she would call the cops if he did not leave, and eventually asked other employees to call 911. Sherman continued to yell profanities as he walked away, even after being informed that 911 had been called.

A judge sentenced Sherman to 30 days of incarceration on Wednesday, May 31. However, Sherman was granted credit for the time already served.

The case was prosecuted by Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson, "The child care center staff did not wish for an arrest or conviction, as their priority is to simply help others. However, the safety of the children comes first, and the man's troubling behavior was a concern for everyone involved.