

KCMO man faces sentencing after fraudulently inflating tip amounts to boost earnings

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LEAVENWORTH, Kan. --- A 29-year-old former restaurant employee has been found guilty of inflating tip amounts to fraudulently increase his earnings.

During a plea hearing on Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2024, Roy Taylor, of Kansas City, Missouri, entered a no-contest plea to a single count of **Theft**. The court accepted his plea and found him guilty.

Between Dec. 18, 2020, and Feb. 11, 2021, Taylor entered fraudulent tip amounts on credit card transactions. At the end of each shift, he received cash payments based on the inflated tip amounts he had entered. The victim, a national chain restaurant located south of downtown Leavenworth, ultimately did not receive payment from the credit card companies, resulting in a loss of \$7,839.56.

Pursuant to Taylor's plea agreement, he agreed to pay restitution in the full amount of \$7,839.56. A sentencing hearing has been scheduled for Dec. 18, 2024.

Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson said, "Unfortunately scams can and do happen. Inflating tip amounts on a receipt is just one of many ways a restaurant employee might scheme their employer out of money." Thompson continued, "Training, supervision, and monitoring of credit card receipts for inconsistencies are a few ways businesses can protect themselves from falling victim."