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Leavenworth woman sentenced for burglarizing movie theater

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LEAVENWORTH, Kan. — A 43-year-old Leavenworth woman has been sentenced for stealing concession and kitchen items from a downtown movie theater.

On Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2025, **Theresa M. Steeno** was sentenced to two counts of **nonresidential burglary**. She received 12 months in prison on each count, to be served consecutively. Under a plea agreement, the prison sentence was suspended, and Steeno was placed on 24 months of probation. She was granted 68 days of jail credit for time already served.

According to court documents, on July 3, 2025, a Leavenworth police officer responded to a report of theft at a downtown movie theater. An employee told police that Steeno had been entering the business after hours without permission and taking items. Steeno had access to the building as part of a cleaning crew responsible for maintaining the facility.

Investigators reviewed surveillance video showing Steeno entering the business on June 27 and July 2, 2025, without authorization and with the intent to commit theft.

"People place a great deal of trust in those who have access to their businesses after hours," County Attorney Todd Thompson said. "Abusing that trust not only harms local businesses but can also impact the confidence of a community. We appreciate the work of law enforcement and witnesses who helped resolve this case."