

Man found in possession of fentanyl near school awaits sentencing

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LEAVENWORTH, Kan. – A Leavenworth man found in possession of fentanyl and methamphetamine in a parking lot outside of a school in downtown Leavenworth awaits sentencing.

On June 26, 2024, Steven L. Collins, 39, pleaded no contest to charges of unlawfully possessing fentanyl and methamphetamine.

According to court documents, on Feb. 16, 2024, Leavenworth police officers were dispatched to the area of 5th and Metropolitan after a witness reported seeing a man possibly doing drugs inside a parked car. While on the scene, officers arrested Collins. During Collins' search incident to arrest, he was found to have a container containing a white powdery substance, a substance that would later test positive for fentanyl. Methamphetamine was also discovered.

County Attorney Todd Thompson said, "Fentanyl kills! It's incredibly dangerous, and we must do everything we can to fight it. The substance poses a significant risk to those who use it and even those who fight to protect us, the first responders. A small amount can be lethal. We must continue to educate the public about the dangers of fentanyl and support efforts to keep our communities safe from its effects." Thompson continued, "This office will continue its fight against the fentanyl epidemic; we will not rest in our pursuit."

A sentencing hearing is scheduled for Aug. 2, 2024, at 11 am.