

## **Jury finds convict guilty of aggravated escape**

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CASE NUMBER: 2023-CR-000313

LEAVENWORTH, Kan. --- A Lansing Correctional Facility inmate who managed to escape custody after arranging bedding to appear like he was in his bunk has been found guilty of **aggravated escape** following a jury trial. The jury deliberated for less than 10 minutes before returning the verdict.

On August 30, 2022, Michael Stroede, a 44-year-old inmate who was serving 111 months on a drug-related charge, walked away from a minimum custody living unit at the Lansing Correctional Facility. Two days later, Kansas City, Kansas, police officers located Stroede near 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Kansas Avenue and apprehended him.

Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson said, “The focus during incarceration should be on rehabilitation and personal growth. Unfortunately, there are instances where individuals attempt to escape, which is dangerous and leads to increased legal consequences, including extending their time behind bars.”

Sentencing is scheduled for January 17, 2024.

Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson and Assistant County Attorney Saber Hossinei prosecuted this case.