

Convicted sex offender sentenced for possessing meth inside city park

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LEAVENWORTH, Kan. --- A convicted sex offender who was arrested for possessing a glass pipe and meth inside a city park in Leavenworth has been sentenced to more than three years in prison.

Talbert Boston-El Sr., a 65-year-old Leavenworth man, was arrested on June 8, 2023. Boston-El was sitting at a park table at Buffalo Bill Cody Park when a Leavenworth police officer approached him to have a conversation. During the conversation, the officer noticed the glass pipe and a white crystal substance consistent with methamphetamine.

On November 17, 2023, Boston-El pled guilty in this case to **possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, a drug severity level 5 felony**. A judge accepted his plea and found him guilty.

During a December 29, 2023 sentencing hearing, Boston-El was sentenced to 40 months in the Kansas Department of Corrections.

“Our parks are meant to be safe havens for all to enjoy; the community shouldn’t fear the presence of illegal drug use when simply trying to enjoy a day at the park,” said Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson.