

Inmate who punched correctional officer awaits sentencing

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LEAVENWORTH, Kan. --- A Leavenworth County Jail inmate who refused to untuck his pants from his socks before punching a county correctional officer has pled no contest and was found guilty as charged.

The attack, according to court documents, happened inside the Leavenworth County Jail on April 30, 2024, after the victim asked 36-year-old **Tyrell Davon James Clark** to untuck his pants from his socks due to it violating a jail rule. Clark adjusted his pants but didn't untuck as instructed. As Clark approached the victim, the victim again asked Clark to untuck his pants. As Clark neared the victim, Clark struck the victim in the lower left lip area with his right fist. As a result of the punch connecting, the victim's head hit off of the concrete wall he was standing next to.

Clark was charged with **Battery Against a Law Enforcement Officer** on May 21, 2024; he pleaded guilty on Monday, Sept. 16, 2024.

Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson said, "I want to thank our correctional staff and this officer for all the good they do. Our officers regularly face adversity while on the job, yet they continue to show up for every shift ready to protect."

A sentencing hearing has been scheduled for Oct. 4, 2024, at 1 p.m.