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LEAVENWORTH, Kan. — A Leavenworth County jury on Tuesday found William Bingo Dickerson, Jr., 38, guilty of battery on a law enforcement officer, driving under the influence, and two counts of interference with a law enforcement officer.

The two-day trial began Monday, April 21, in Leavenworth County District Court. The jury returned its verdict on April 22.

Just after midnight on Sept. 28, 2024, a Tonganoxie police officer observed a vehicle stopped at the intersection of 5th and Church in downtown Tonganoxie. The vehicle eventually turned without signaling, prompting the officer to initiate a traffic stop. The driver, later identified as Dickerson, provided inconsistent answers to the officer's questions. Dickerson also provided a false name and exhibited signs of impairment, including slurred speech and the odor of alcohol.

Dickerson ultimately refused to take a breath test.

While being escorted to a patrol vehicle, Dickerson attempted to pull away from officers. After regaining control of him, officers placed him on the ground, where he rolled to his side and began kicking an officer, striking the officer in the chest and legs. The assault caused several lacerations and scrapes.

Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson said, "We're pleased with the jury's verdict in this case. Our law enforcement officers put themselves in harm's way every day to keep our communities safe, and they deserve to be treated with respect, not violence."

Sentencing is scheduled for May 23, 2025.