

# Man who attempted to possess meth while being treated for hypothermia sentenced to prison

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CASE NUMBER: 2023-CR-000139

LEAVENWORTH, Kan. --- A 50-year-old man who attempted to possess meth while being treated for hypothermia in an area medical facility has been sentenced to prison.

On November 29, 2023, William N. Campbell pleaded “no contest” to a charge of **attempted unlawful possession of methamphetamine**, a drug severity level 5 felony. Campbell’s plea was accepted, and the court found him guilty.

During a January 12, 2024, sentencing hearing, a judge ordered Campbell to serve 28 months in prison.

According to court documents, Campbell was recovering from hypothermia in an area medical facility on December 21, 2020, when he repeatedly asked for his wallet. When medical staff went to get his wallet, they noticed a small plastic bag sticking out of the wallet containing possible methamphetamine. The substance was later tested by the Kansas Bureau of Investigations and determined to be methamphetamine.

Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson said, “We must fight drug addiction. Not only did this medical staff save this man’s life, their attention could help preserve his life. Drugs kill, and we can only hope we can prevent further abuse.”