

Temperature inside courtroom forces postponement of trial

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LEAVENWORTH, Kan. --- Regrettably, a jury trial has been postponed due to the uncomfortably low indoor temperature inside the Leavenworth Justice Center. Jury selection was scheduled to begin today, but due to the courtroom temperature being a chilly 59 F, the judge made the decision to postpone the trial to a later date for the comfort of all involved.

Issues with the building's boilers are to blame. Crews are working to correct the problem. Since the building opened this morning, one boiler is back up and running. Indoor temperatures inside the Justice Center, which houses several departments, remain below average; a timeline for when heat will be fully restored is unknown.

Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson said, "We understand jury duty is already a hardship, so when a member of the public is called upon to serve, conditions should be comfortable doing so."