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Lansing Correctional Facility inmate sentenced to 57 months for attacking correctional officers

LEAVENWORTH, Kan. — An inmate at the Lansing Correctional Facility has been sentenced to nearly five years in prison after attacking two correctional officers with a broomstick.

Elijah N. Reed was sentenced Wednesday, July 15, 2026, to a total of 57 months in prison after pleading guilty to two counts of aggravated battery and two counts of aggravated assault.

Reed pleaded guilty to the charges on May 27, 2026.

According to court records, the incident occurred Nov. 13, 2024, while Reed, 25, was an inmate at the Lansing Correctional Facility. At approximately 12:45 p.m., correctional officers discovered Reed inside A Pod 3, a medium-custody housing unit in the facility's Central Compound, where he was not authorized to be.

Two correctional officers, who were on duty and wearing their facility-issued uniforms, responded to remove Reed from the housing unit and return him to his assigned pod.

As the officers approached, Reed advanced toward them while holding a broomstick. He raised the broomstick above his head with both hands and struck one officer twice in the right forearm. The officer lifted his arm to protect himself, and the broomstick shattered upon impact.

Reed then used the broken broomstick as a spear-like weapon. He struck a second officer who attempted to intervene and then attempted to stab one officer in the abdomen and neck area. Reed also charged at the other officer and attempted to stab him in the face with the broken broomstick.

Responding correctional staff took Reed into custody and escorted him from the area.

Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson said. "Correctional officers perform a difficult and dangerous job, and acts of violence against them will be prosecuted.