

Man sentenced on stalking, criminal damage charges

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LEAVENWORTH, Kan. --- A Leavenworth man accused of using an axe to damage multiple vehicles has pled guilty to charges related to criminal damage to property and stalking.

On May 24, 2022, home surveillance video revealed that Jeffery A. Adams, 49, had used an axe to vandalize multiple parked vehicles outside the victim's residence on South 22nd Street, near downtown Leavenworth. This resulted in a charge of criminal damage to property.

Police received a call on June 4, 2022, regarding Adams' harassment and threats toward the victims at the exact location on South 22nd Street. One of the victims was washing his car in the driveway when Adams approached and shouted at him from his vehicle, leading to Adams being charged with stalking.

During the investigation, it was revealed that Adams had engaged in repeated acts of harassment against the victims. This included posting messages on social media, driving by their home and business, yelling at them when they were outside, and sending threatening messages.

Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson said, "The consequences of a crime like this go beyond just monetary damage. The associated fear, anger, and frustration can have long-lasting effects. Fortunately, nobody was harmed, and we hope that this puts an end to the harassment."

Adams has been given a prison sentence of 14 months for criminal damage to property and another 12 months for stalking. Both sentences will be served consecutively, resulting in a total sentence of 26 months.