

Attack with Fire, Razor Blade, Earns Conviction

(KAIR)--A Leavenworth man accused of setting his supervisor on fire and attacking her with a straight razor, is convicted on federal charges related to the crime.

55-year-old Clifford Currie was a civilian hospital employee at Fort Leavenworth when the September 7th, 2016 attack happened.

According to the office of U.S. Attorney Tom Beall, a jury found Currie guilty Tuesday on one count of assault with intent to commit murder.

During his trial, prosecutors presented evidence that on the day of the attack, Currie threw gasoline, or some other inflammable liquid on his supervisor, Katie Ann Blanchard. Lighting her on fire, he then assaulted her with a straight edge razor and scissors.

Currie's co-worker, Deanne Killian, heard screams, and came to Blanchard's aid.

As she tried to extinguish the blaze and stop Currie's assault, authorities says Killian suffered injuries.

Other employees were able to subdue Currie, who was then arrested.

Sentencing for Currie is set for October 31.

He faces 20-years in federal prison and a fine up to \$250,000.