

Driver accused of ramming deputy's car

LEAVENWORTH, Kan. (AP) - An Oregon man is charged after he allegedly rammed a Leavenworth County sheriff deputy's car twice.

Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson said Monday that 42-year-old Derek Kelley, of Rainier, Oregon, is charged with aggravated battery on a law enforcement officer and three other counts. Kelley is jailed in Leavenworth County.

Leavenworth County Undersheriff James Sherley said when the deputy was out of his vehicle Sunday evening after stopping a pickup truck between Leavenworth and Atchison, the pickup reversed and hit the patrol vehicle before taking off. Sherley says during the ensuing chase, the truck suddenly stopped and reversed into the patrol vehicle a second time.

The deputy suffered a knee injury.

The truck was found abandoned. Kelley and a passenger in the truck fled into a nearby home before being arrested.

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