

Conviction appeal overturned

LEAVENWORTH, Kan. (AP) — A former hospital worker at Fort Leavenworth who tried to kill his boss by setting her on fire has lost an appeal of his conviction.

The Kansas City Star reports Clifford Currie was convicted of assault with intent to commit murder for the September 2016 attack on First Lt. Katie Blanchard.

She was seriously burned during an attack at the Munson Army Health Center at Fort Leavenworth.

Currie, now 56, was a civilian employee there.

Currie was sentenced last year to 20 years in federal prison. Currie argued in his appeal that the prosecutor made several improper statements during his trial.

The 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled Friday that some of the prosecutor's statements were improper but they didn't violate Currie's right to a fair trial.

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