

Sword threat on police earns guilty plea

**(KAIR)--A 56-year-old Leavenworth man, armed with a sword, has pleaded guilty to aggravated assault against a law enforcement officer.**

**According to a release from the office of Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson, Lonnie Bailey Jr. was arrested on December 3, 2022, when officers were on patrol in the area of West 7th and Chestnut.**

**According to officers, Bailey had a large sword in his hands; and after being ordered to drop the sword, Bailey became agitated and began yelling at officers.**

**Court documents state at least one police officer approached Bailey with his service weapon in hand a at the low and ready position.**

**As officers approached, Bailey unsheathed his sword while yelling and took a fighting stance. After Bailey unsheathed his sword and approached officers.**

**Bailey then began to use vulgar language towards the officers. The did not comply with the officers command. Officers were able to eventually arrest him.**

**The incident was captured on body worn camera.**

**His guilty plea came last week in Leavenworth County District Court.**

**Bailey is scheduled for sentencing on May 3.**

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