Attack on guard earns inmate extra prison

(KAIR)--A 69-year-old Lansing inmate seated in a wheelchair when he bit a corrections officer has been sentenced to serve 2-years-8-months in the Kansas Department of Corrections on the charge of attempted battery of a law enforcement officer.

According to court documents, Dennis E. Shaw, a Lansing Correctional Facility inmate, was making inappropriate comments to a female corrections officer before the incident. When officers attempted to push Shaw's wheelchair away from the shower area, Shaw put the right brake on his wheelchair. When an officer released the break, Shaw grabbed the officer's right arm and refused orders to release his grip. When Shaw refused orders, pressure points were used to gain compliance. Shaw then bit one of the officers on the right forearm, drawing blood.

The new sentence Shaw received last week in Leavenworth County District Court will begin after the sentence Shaw is already serving.

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