

Leavenworth woman pleads guilty to beating elderly woman

(KAIR)--A Leavenworth woman has pleaded guilty to violently beating a woman on her 84th birthday in 2022, using the victim's walker.

Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson said 53-year-old Sherry Housworth entered the plea November 17 in Leavenworth County District Court to charges of aggravated battery, attempted aggravated battery, aggravated assault, and two counts of criminal threat.

A sentencing hearing is scheduled for December 20.

On September 15, 2022, Thompson said Housworth repeatedly banged on the victim's door. While using her walker, the victim answered the door and stepped outside to greet Housworth - a woman she did not recognize. While outside, Housworth became agitated, grabbed the victim's walker, and began striking her with it.

When officers arrived at the downtown Leavenworth home, the victim was lying face down in the home's yard. The victim was bleeding, and facial swelling and bruising were visible. The victim was conscious when officers arrived.

The victim described her attacker and told police the woman who beat her, called her a cannibal and accused her of holding the woman's husband hostage.

Housworth was eventually arrested and taken into custody after she was located at a house a block away from where she attacked her victim.

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