

Theft-turned-pursuit sends Atchison man to prison

**(KAIR)--A vehicle theft turned dangerous pursuit last year that began in Atchison County and ended in Leavenworth County earns prison for the driver.**

**According to release from Atchison County Attorney Sherri Becker, Casey Crawford was sentenced in Atchison County District Court this month to serve just over 2-years in prison.**

**In July, the 29-year-old Crawford plead no contest to fleeing/eluding a law enforcement officer, the charge he was sentenced on.**

**According to the release, the pursuit began September 19, 2021, when the Atchison Police Department took a report regarding a stolen vehicle.**

**First spotted traveling west on 262nd Road by an Atchison County Sheriff's Deputy, Crawford then turned north onto U.S. Highway 59, refusing to stop for the deputy.**

**The pursuit continued into Atchison, where Crawford, driving at high speeds, dangerously passed other vehicles, with Atchison Police working to stop his vehicle, ran through stop signs, and then made it to Easton, in Leavenworth County, where he jumped from the still rolling vehicle and ran into a wooded area.**

**He was later captured through use of the Atchison County Sheriff's K9, Ernie.**

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