

Lewd photography attempts lead to conviction

(KAIR)--A Leavenworth man, accused of attempting to take lewd photographs of a child in the toy aisle of a store, is convicted on related charges.

According to a press release issued by Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson, 56-year-old Thomas Campbell was found guilty on one count of attempted breach of privacy-eavesdropping.

The jury in Campbell's trial returned its verdict Tuesday morning in Leavenworth County District Court.

According to Thompson, charges were filed in August of last year after the parents of a 7-year-old girl reported that a man, in the toy aisle of the Leavenworth Wal-Mart, was seen by a witness attempting to use his cell phone camera to take a picture under the child's dress.

Video surveillance was reviewed by store staff, but Campbell was not immediately identified. However, later that same month, he was caught in the gift card aisle of the same store video recording under the dress of a woman.

Video surveillance was again reviewed, and compared against the earlier footage involving the child.

The investigation determined that Campbell was responsible for both incidents. He was additionally identified in a lineup by the witness who had spotted Campbell's illicit photography attempt in the toy aisle, and that led to the filing of charges.

Sentencing for Campbell is set for October 9.

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