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Charges Dropped in Ks Street Painting Caper

(AP)-- A Leavenworth County prankster won't be facing any penalties for painting a green line down a local street as part of a St. Patrick's tradition that goes back decades.

The Lawrence Journal-World reports a criminal damage charge against Tonganoxie resident Charlie "Tuna" Conrad has been thrown out. Conrad was painting a green line down Fourth Street early March 15th when an officer stopped him and issued the citation.

Conrad had been scheduled to appear in municipal court on Wednesday, but City Attorney Mike Kelly said the charge had been dropped at his discretion.

Various people have filled the role of "leprechauns" and painted the green line each year since the late John McCaffrey started the parade - and green line tradition - in the late 1980s.

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