

Leavenworth man sentenced in bar fight

(KAIR)--A Leavenworth man, accused of causing serious injuries during a 2020 Leavenworth bar fight, is going to prison.

According to a release from Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson, 41-year-old Joshua Degroot was sentenced in Leavenworth County District Court to 3 years and 8 months of incarceration.

In March, Degroot plead guilty to two counts of aggravated battery, stemming from the fight that occurred at the Trails End Lounge.

According to the release, Degroot went to the bar with several friends, with video surveillance showing that they were asked to leave by the owner of the bar and employees. Instead, Degroot began throwing punches, causing one woman to suffer an orbital fracture and a man to incur a brain bleed.

Thompson, in the release, says the bar “wasn’t some rowdy place,” adding that “it appeared that people were trying to have a nice evening” but were instead left with “long lasting trauma.”

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