

Accused baby biter enters plea

(KAIR)--A 23-year-old Leavenworth man has pleaded guilty in Leavenworth County District Court, admitting to biting a baby last year.

A release from the office of Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson says Benjamin Oaks plead guilty this month to the charge of aggravated battery, admitting to a Leavenworth Police Detective that he bit the young victim, whom he was caring for, on several occasions.

The release says it was in June of last year that "the Leavenworth Police Department was contacted by a social worker at a Kansas City area hospital concerning a child under the age of one who was believed to have been abused." Court documents cited in the release state that the social worker noted bruising on the child's body consistent with human bite marks.

During an interview with a Leavenworth police detective, Oaks admitted to biting the child once while she was crying and also admitted to using his teeth to grip the child- arm to steady the child while changing a diaper.

Sentencing for Oaks is scheduled for April 19.

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