

KS man convicted of threatening to kill congressman

**TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — A federal jury has convicted a Kansas man who admitted he threatened to kill a congressman.**

**Chase Neill, of Lawrence, represented himself at the trial and questioned U.S. Representative Jake LaTurner on the witness stand.**

**Neill said he was a messenger from God, warning that the congressman would die for ignoring his concerns about wizards and extraterrestrials.**

**The judge found Neill competent to stand trial and act as his own attorney despite a past serious head injury.**

**Authorities have noted a sharp rise in threats against elected officials nationwide.**

**Neill faces up to 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine when he's sentenced April 11.**

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