

Leavenworth man found guilty in 2022 fatal shooting

(KAIR)--A Leavenworth man, charged in connection with a fatal 2022 Leavenworth shooting, has been found guilty following a two-day Leavenworth County District Court trial.

According to a release from the office of Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson, a jury found 34-year-old Ryan Cheatham was guilty Tuesday on charges of voluntary manslaughter and criminal possession of a firearm.

The charges stem from the fatal shooting of Warren "Sugar Bear" Simon, Jr, who was found lying on the floor in a blood-stained shirt when Leavenworth Police arrived at the apartment where the shooting took place on May 18, 2022.

According to court documents cited in the release, a witness who was inside the apartment when the shooting happened told police Cheatham and the victim were inside the living room when Cheatham picked up Simon's gun and pointed it at someone. Simon said he didn't like the way Cheatham was pointing the gun; Cheatham then shot Simon multiple times.

After the shooting, Cheatham fled the apartment but was later taken into police custody at a family member's home.

Cheatham will learn his fate in a Leavenworth County courtroom on March 14, the date of his sentencing.

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