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Basehor teen found guilty of BB gun battery on roofers, vape possession

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LEAVENWORTH, Kan. — A Basehor teenager has been found guilty of two counts of battery for firing a BB gun at roofers and one count of minor in possession of cigarettes, electronic cigarettes, or tobacco products.

The conviction came on Thursday, Aug. 28, 2025, following a one-day trial.

According to court records, the charges stem from a November 2024 incident in Basehor, when police responded to a report of shots fired. A roofing company employee told officers that his workers reported being shot at with a BB gun by a juvenile at a neighboring property while they were working on a roof.

Two workers came forward with injuries. One man had a small bleeding wound on the back of his left thigh, which pierced through his jeans. The other man suffered a wound to his right shin that broke the skin and caused bleeding.

While speaking with the victims, an officer observed a teenage male in a nearby backyard. The victims identified him as the shooter. The officer made contact with the teen, who claimed he had been shooting at “soda cans” in the opposite direction of the workers. He showed the officer a Daisy Powerline 880 BB rifle, which matched the description given by the victims.

The teen, who was 16 at the time but is now 17, was placed under arrest. During a search, the officer found a Geek Bar Pulse Nicotine E-Vape in the teen’s pocket. During an interview, the teen claimed a friend had fired the shots.

“Guns of any kind, even BB guns, can cause real harm when used recklessly -- it’s true, a BB gun can put an eye out,” Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson said. This case is a reminder that poor decisions can have serious consequences, and accountability is necessary. It is also important to remember that possession of nicotine products, like vapes and electronic cigarettes, can not only be harmful to your health, but it is also illegal if you are under the age of 18.”

Sentencing will be held at a later date.

Because this case involved a juvenile defendant, his name and specific addresses have been omitted from this release.