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Kansas City man sentenced to more than 13 years for Leavenworth kidnapping

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LEAVENWORTH, Kan. — A Kansas City, Missouri, man has been sentenced to more than 13 years in prison for kidnapping and assault charges stemming from a violent encounter in Leavenworth earlier this year.

On Friday, Aug. 29, 2025, a judge sentenced 43-year-old Gerome Keith King II to 167 months in prison, to be served consecutively to any prior cases.

King was convicted by a Leavenworth County jury on July 1, 2025, following a one-day trial. Jurors found him guilty of kidnapping, aggravated burglary, and two counts of aggravated assault. He was acquitted of aggravated robbery.

The charges stemmed from a Jan. 11, 2025, incident near Metropolitan Avenue and 13th Street, when King and another man confronted an individual about a package delivered the previous day.

King used a handgun to force the victim inside a residence and demanded information about the package, which victims told him police had already seized. During the confrontation, one victim tried to grab the gun, causing it to discharge. No one was hit, and King fled with the other man in a red car. Investigators later tied the vehicle to King using surveillance cameras.

Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson said in a statement, “Violence and intimidation have no place in our community. This defendant chose force over reason, fear over respect for the law. The jury spoke, and now the sentence reflects the seriousness of his choices. No one is above accountability - not in Leavenworth, not anywhere.”