

Leavenworth man pleads ‘no contest’ to attempted aggravated battery against man he shared drugs with

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LEAVENWORTH, Kan. --- On February 20, 2024, Andrew X. Baker pleaded “no contest” to Attempted Aggravated Battery against a man whom he had previously shared drugs with.

Baker, a 23-year-old Leavenworth man, told police during an interview that he felt threatened by the victim after doing drugs with the victim and waking up next to him.

According to court documents, on Friday, April 28, 2023, Leavenworth police officers responded to a residence in downtown Leavenworth. Upon arrival, officers contacted the reported victim. The victim was able to identify Andrew Baker as the suspect. The victim stated that after waking up and discovering Baker was in his bed, the victim attempted to move his handgun away from Baker for safety reasons. When moving his gun, Baker punched the victim in the face, took the gun, and fired several shots before running from the home.

The penalty range for Attempted Aggravated battery is a minimum of 17 months to a maximum of 46 months in prison and/or a fine of up to \$100,000. By pleading guilty to Attempted Aggravated Battery, Baker admitted to attempting to inflict injury, creating a risk of death to the victim.

Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson said, “My office was in contact with the victim and accepted the plea after gaining his approval.” Thompson continued, “This situation could’ve easily resulted in a loss of life.”

A sentencing hearing is scheduled for March 27, 2024.