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Jury convicts man who wore gorilla mask during double shooting

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LEAVENWORTH, Kan. — A Leavenworth man who wore a gorilla mask in an attempt to conceal his identity when he fired a gun into an occupied parked car has been found guilty following a three-day jury trial in Leavenworth County District Court.

On Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2025, a Leavenworth County jury convicted **Emanuel J. Dickerson, 32**, of the following charges:

- **Count 1:** Attempted first-degree murder
- **Count 2:** Aggravated battery
- **Count 3:** Criminal discharge of a firearm
- **Count 4:** Fleeing or attempting to elude law enforcement
- **Count 5:** Interference with a law enforcement officer

According to court documents, Dickerson wore a gorilla-style Halloween mask on Oct. 26, 2024, when he approached a parked car and fired multiple shots into the vehicle, striking two people. The car was parked in the lot of an apartment complex near Limit Street and Martin Luther King Drive in southern Leavenworth.

Dickerson was arrested on Dec. 29, 2024, on a warrant related to the Oct. 26 shooting. Before his arrest, he failed to immediately pull over for a Leavenworth police officer during an attempted traffic stop.

He was charged with attempted first-degree murder, aggravated battery, and criminal discharge of a firearm in connection with the October shooting. The charges of fleeing and interference with a law enforcement officer stemmed from his actions on the day of his arrest.

Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson said, "The Leavenworth Police Department did an outstanding job building a strong case -- moving swiftly through leads, combing through digital evidence, and securing DNA where possible. We're grateful to the victims and witnesses who stood strong, and I'm proud of the team that saw this case through to conviction."

A sentencing hearing has been scheduled for Nov. 12, 2025.