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Jury convicts Jorge Ismael Beltran in attempted aggravated murder trial

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced a 12-person jury returned a guilty verdict in State of Oregon v. Jorge Ismael Beltran.

This trial began Tuesday August 28, 2018 and was presided over by Multnomah County Circuit Court Judge Leslie M. Roberts. Jury deliberations started August 30, 2018. The verdict was read approximately 24 hours later.

On February 27, 2018, Beltran, 26, was indicted on three counts of attempted aggravated murder, three counts of attempted murder, three counts of unlawful use of a weapon and one count each of being a felon in possession of a firearm and one count of assault in the fourth degree.

The jury found the defendant guilty on all counts except for the assault in the fourth degree charge. Additionally, the jury found Beltran is subject to an [enhanced penalty](#) for using a firearm during commission of felony.

During the three day trial, the State presented evidence that showed in the late evening hours of October 14, 2017 and into the early morning hours of October 15, 2017, the defendant shot into an occupied residence, specifically a bedroom, in the 2100 block of Southeast 185th Avenue in Gresham, Oregon.

At the time of the incident, the three victims were ages 16, 17 and 18 years old. Testimony offered at trial showed all three were inside watching SpongeBob SquarePants when five rounds were fired from the exterior of the residence by the defendant.

According to court documents previously filed, prior to the shooting, the defendant entered the residence where a physical altercation between he and the 16 year old victim ensued. The two other victims at the residence chased the defendant from the house.

During trial, the State presented evidence to show the defendant, a convicted felon, returned to the residence after the initial physical altercation with a pistol and started shooting into the residence.

The defendant testified during trial.

"He's not there, as he stated, to brandish his firearm in a show of force and do nothing with it," Multnomah County Deputy District Attorney Nicole Hermann said during closing arguments. "He's not there firing shots into the air. He's there targeting his shots into a home and into a bedroom. ... Mr. Beltran went to that house out of pride, for retaliation and to teach them a lesson."

One of the victims testified during trial she recalled a bullet "whizzed by" her head during the shooting.

"Mr. Beltran acted with a conscious objective to take a substantial step towards causing the death of each of those three people," Hermann said during closing arguments. "We can see him on the video carrying that gun, clearly with the intent to use it."

This case was investigated by the Gresham Police Department.

Beltran will be sentenced on October 5, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. with Judge Roberts.

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