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Jorge Beltran receives 12 year prison sentence for attempting to murder three teens in Gresham

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced 27-year-old Jorge Beltran received a 12 year prison sentence after a jury found him guilty in August 2018 of attempting to murder three people inside a residence on October 14, 2017 in Gresham, Oregon.

Trial began on August 28, 2018 and was presided over by Multnomah County Circuit Court Judge Leslie M. Roberts.

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 the commission of a felony.

Judge Roberts sentenced Beltran to 12 years in prison.

At 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.

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.

"This case was about pride, it was about retaliation and it was about a calculated decision to return to the scene of an earlier argument and to attempt to murder the three individuals who had been involved in that argument," Multnomah County Deputy District Attorney Nicole Hermann, who prosecuted the case, said during closing arguments. "[Mr. Beltran] fired a pistol five times into that house. The majority of those [shots] focused on the northeast corner bedroom where he knew at least one member of that household lived and spent the night."

Hermann described the firearm Beltran used in the shooting as "a weapon that is clearly capable of causing death or serious physical injury and it was used in the manner in which it was intended."

This case was investigated by the Gresham Police Department.

A photo that was entered as evidence, and received by the court during trial, is being included with this media release. It shows the one of the bullet holes that resulted after the defendant unlawfully fired his weapon.

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