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Man Convicted of 2016 Assault in El Segundo

A 34-year-old man was found guilty today of assaulting three men outside an El Segundo restaurant in 2016, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Jurors deliberated less than a day before finding Joseph William Rooney (dob 10/22/83) guilty of two counts of assault with a firearm. Jurors also found true allegations that Rooney personally used a firearm.

Deputy District Attorney Oscar Plascencia of the Justice System Integrity Division, who prosecuted the case, said the defendant is expected to be sentenced on June 7. Rooney faces up to 18 years and four months in state prison.

On May 22, 2016, three men had just left a bar in the 100 block of Main Street in El Segundo and were standing outside a nearby restaurant when Rooney approached them.

Rooney, an off-duty Los Angeles police officer at the time of the incident, pulled out a handgun and pointed it at one of the victims. He struck the victim in the face with the gun and then pointed the weapon at the two other men, the prosecutor said.

Case BA461162 was investigated by the El Segundo Police Department.

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