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**Lancaster Man Sentenced for Shooting at
Next Door Neighbors' House**

A Lancaster man who harassed and insulted his next door neighbors and shot at their home was sentenced today to seven years in state prison, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

William Dean Nickel (dob 4/14/69) pleaded no contest on May 4 to one count of shooting at an inhabited dwelling.

Deputy District Attorney Shannon Sexton said Nickel harassed the couple next door for months culminating with firing his shotgun from his home into their bedroom window on Aug. 25, 2017. The victims secured a criminal protective order but the harassment continued with the defendant throwing a rock through their bedroom window, the prosecutor added.

According to testimony at the preliminary hearing, Nickel's conduct included yelling racial epithets at the interracial couple, playing loud music and vandalizing their home.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Lancaster Station.

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