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Lancaster Man Sentenced for Shooting Another After Bar Fight

A 36-year-old man was sentenced today to 54 years and eight months in state prison for shooting a man and assaulting another in 2015, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Amy Murphy said Brandon Lee Colbert (dob 8/8/80) was convicted by a jury on June 15 of five felonies: one count of willful, deliberate, premeditated attempted murder; one count of possession of a firearm by a felon with four or more priors; one count of possession of ammunition; and two counts of assault with a semi-automatic firearm.

The jury in case MA066931 also found true that the defendant personally and intentionally discharged a firearm causing great bodily injury.

According to evidence presented at the trial, the shooting occurred on Sept. 15, 2015, after a bar fight involving a female patron and a female bartender at The Britisher in Lancaster.

Colbert's girlfriend soon became involved in the fight before several people intervened to stop the fighting, the prosecutor said.

The defendant then pulled out a gun and pointed it at one of the men who intervened in the brawl. The man was planning to defend himself from Colbert when another man stepped in to prevent a fight, the prosecutor added.

Both men left the bar, but the defendant followed them outside and shot the man who had prevented the fight, according to testimony at the jury trial.

The victim survived the shooting.

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

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