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Man Sentenced for Shooting Burbank Police Officers Outside Department Store

A 36-year-old man was sentenced today to 81 years to life in state prison for the attempted murder of two Burbank Police Department officers outside of a department store in Burbank, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Jamie Warren Willard was convicted on July 15 of two counts of attempted murder of a peace officer. The jury further found the attempted murders were willful, deliberate and premeditated, and that the defendant personally discharged a handgun causing great bodily injury.

Willard also was found guilty of two counts of assault on a peace officer with a semiautomatic firearm and one count each of second-degree commercial burglary and assault.

Case GA081825 was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Mary Murray of the Crimes Against Peace Officers Section.

On July 2, 2010, security guards at the department store in Burbank detained Willard for shoplifting. After being detained, the defendant assaulted a security guard with a fire extinguisher and police were called to the scene, according to court testimony.

After the defendant was taken into custody and while the officers were attempting to place the defendant in the back of a patrol car, Willard gained control of one of their handguns and shot at the two officers, according to testimony at the jury trial.

The case was investigated by the Burbank Police Department.

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