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## **Man Sentenced to Prison for Drive-By Shooting in Long Beach**

A 30-year-old man was sentenced today to 33 years and eight months in state prison for a drive-by shooting that wounded several people in 2015, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

On Nov. 30, 2017, David Ham of Long Beach pleaded no contest to three counts of attempted murder in case NA101252.

Additionally, the defendant admitted a special allegation that the crime was committed for the benefit of, at the direction of, and in association with a criminal street gang with the specific intent to promote, further and assist in criminal conduct by gang members. Also, Ham admitted a gun allegation.

Deputy District Attorney Tapti Patel, who prosecuted the case, said on Feb. 15, 2018, Ham was driving through the 200 block of West 14<sup>th</sup> Street in Long Beach when he encountered a group of people at a party.

Believing the group was part of a rival gang, the defendant's passenger reportedly shot at the crowd and injured five people, the prosecutor said.

Following the incident, Ham fled the scene, but was arrested the next day in connection with the incident.

The case was investigated by the Long Beach Police Department.

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