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MAN SENTENCED IN 2005 NIGHTCLUB SHOOTING

A man who fired at nightclub patrons as they left a lower downtown club in November 2005 has been sentenced to more than 100 years in prison today. The shooting injured four people, including one victim who passed away in May 2006.

Michael Rollie (dob: 07-30-70) was sentenced to 48 years in prison for the attempted first-degree murder of Richard Velarde, and an additional 24, 22 and 12 years for the assault and attempted manslaughter of the other three victims. The sentences were ordered to be served consecutively by Denver District Judge John Madden.

Rollie had been involved in an altercation inside the Market 41 nightclub just before closing on November 24, 2005. He had been injured by a glass bottle that hit him on the head. He left the bar and a few minutes later began firing at patrons as they were leaving for the night.