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GUILTY VERDICT IN HOURS-LONG STANDOFF AND SHOOTING

A man accused of firing multiple shots during a lengthy standoff with Denver police near 12th Avenue and Grant Street in 2013 has been found guilty at the conclusion of his trial yesterday.

Shaun Michael Tobelmann (dob: 09-26-78) was found guilty of seven counts of attempted first-degree murder, seven counts of first degree assault on a peace officer, one count of third-degree assault and 23 counts of unlawful discharge of a firearm.

On February 21, 2013, Tobelmann was involved in a domestic violence incident with his girlfriend, who called 911. Police responded to the location near 12th and Grant and came under fire from Tobelmann, who had barricaded himself inside his residence. Over the course of several hours he repeatedly fired rounds at the officers who were inside the apartment as well as officers posted on the street below. These rounds included 25 shotgun rounds, 10 9mm rounds and 5 .357 Magnum rounds. Although fired upon, not a single round was fired by any DPD officer.

During the trial, officers who were at the scene gave emotional testimony, saying they thought they might die. Negotiators were eventually able to utilize tactics and negotiation to take Tobelmann into custody. Incredibly, no injuries were reported.

The case was prosecuted by Chief Deputy DA Adrienne Greene and Deputy DA Rebekah Melnick. Tobelmann is scheduled to appear in Denver District Courtroom 5C for sentencing on May 8 at 1:30 p.m. Tobelmann faces more than 100 years in prison.

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