

On June 29th, at 2:30pm, I was assaulted in my restaurant by a DoorDash driver, for an unknown reason. He pointed a loaded 9mm at me, a friend and my 4 year son. After he puts the gun away, he attacks me and we fight. During the fight my son jumps on my back and starts roaring like a T-Rex. Eventually, the police come and he was arrested.

As horrible as this was, what happened next was much worse. The evidence the DA had was very substantial; clear video photoage of the entire event, the loaded gun, and numerous witnesses. Instead of going to trial or charging him with substantial crimes they allowed him to plead this down to attempted assault with a dangerous weapon and illegal possession of a firearm, with a sentencing guideline of 12-18 months. I couldn't understand why and the explanation I recieved from the DA was they had to take into account the resources of their office and they considered this a win.

He was sentenced to 8 months, and I'm left explaining to my son that it's safe to go to Daddy's Restaurant and why I had to fight this man. He definitely got the better end of this deal. Thank you for your time and inviting me to this committee.