

# Lebanon Man Sentenced for Shooting Relative

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Thomas Delong, of Lebanon, Ohio, pled guilty to felonious assault, a second-degree felony, and the accompanying firearm specification for his role in a September 27, 2016 shooting at his residence on Balsam Wood Lane in Lebanon. Yesterday, Warren County Common Pleas Court Judge Donald E. Oda II sentenced Delong to an agreed sentence of eight years in prison.

Delong, 30, shot and seriously injured a male relative after a verbal dispute arose between the two. Delong went upstairs, retrieved a rifle, and fired the weapon three times, striking the victim twice. The victim also retrieved a firearm from the garage area of the residence, but did not discharge the weapon.

The victim was struck in the arm and the groin causing serious physical harm including amputation of his left arm at the elbow, removal of his spleen, partial removal of his pancreas, damage to his genitals, and the necessity of a colostomy.

Warren County Prosecutor David P. Fornshell praised the efforts of Det. John Wetzel, Ptl. Travis O'Neil, Det. Greg Spanel, Ptl. Steve Morris, Ptl. Daniel Fry, Ptl. Nate Trout, Sgt. Michael McCutchan, and Sgt. Matthew Weithofer, all of the Lebanon Police Division, First Assistant Prosecutor Steve Knippen, Assistant Prosecutor Karl Harris, Investigator Patty Dratt, Victim Witness Coordinator Melissa Kennard, and Legal Assistant Brenda Berry for their work on the case.



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