

**Bristol County District Attorney's Office**  
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**Press Release**  
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District Attorney Sam Sutter announced today that Angel Peralta has been convicted of numerous felonies connected to the February 2006 triple shooting outside the Plymouth Avenue McDonald's restaurant in Fall River. Mr. Peralta was sentenced to serve 27 to 33 years in a state prison this morning in New Bedford Superior Court.

Peralta, 24, of Fall River, was convicted last Friday of three counts of armed assault with intent to murder, three counts of mayhem, carrying a firearm without a license, discharging a firearm within 500 feet of a building and possession of a firearm without and FID card. Superior Court Judge E. Susan Garsh postponed sentencing until today, at which point she ordered Peralta to serve 9 to 11 years in state prison for each shooting victim.

Although severely injured, all three shooting victims survived the incident.

"When I was running for this office in 2006, I said that the shooting at McDonald's on Plymouth Avenue exemplified what was going wrong at that time. The conviction of Angel Peralta, and the 27 to 33 year sentence he received exemplifies what is now going right," Sutter said. "The hard line stand that all of us at the new Bristol County District Attorney's Office have taken is working. We are calling for very long state prison sentences on shooting cases because that is what is needed to attack the problem of gun violence. The judges are listening to us and responding to our call to action, and I applaud them for that. Above all, I want to thank Ray Veary, Cindy Brackett and the Fall River Police Department for their aggressiveness, hard work and skill in winning this case."

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