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AURORA MAN SENTENCED TO 48 YEARS IN PRISON FOR HOME INVASION AND ATTEMPTED MURDER

ASKED, "HOW DO YOU WANT TO DIE?" BEFORE FIRING THREE SHOTS AT VICTIM

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An Aurora man who tried to kill a man after breaking into the man's home will spend most of the rest of his life in prison.

Kane County Associate Judge David P. Kliment on Thursday, May 24, 2018, sentenced 40-year-old **Jermaine L. Baker** to 48 years imprisonment in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

A Kane County jury on Jan. 25, 2018, convicted Baker of attempted murder, Class X felony, home invasion, Class X felony, and three counts of aggravated battery with a firearm, Class X felony.

Kane County Assistant State's Attorneys Joseph Cullen and Mark D. Stajdohar presented evidence that the morning of Aug. 27, 2014, Baker broke into the victim's Aurora home. Baker was wearing his wife's dress, a wig and gloves. While the victim was in bed sleeping, Baker entered the bedroom, turned on the light, kicked the bed to wake the victim, and asked him, "How do you want to die?" The victim covered his face with hands to protect himself, then Baker fired three shots from a 9mm semiautomatic handgun, striking the victim in the hands, cheek, jaw and forehead. The victim was able to call 911 and make his way downstairs to open his front door for paramedics.

According to Illinois law, Baker must serve at least 85 percent of the sentence. He receives credit for 1,355 days served in the Kane County, where Baker had been held since his arrest in lieu of \$750,000 bail. Judge Kliment revoked bond after the conviction.

The sentence includes a mandatory enhancement of 25 years' imprisonment because Baker personally discharged the firearm that proximately caused great bodily harm to the victim.

Kane County State's Attorney Joe McMahon said: "This is yet another crime rooted in domestic violence. Instead of acknowledging that his relationship with his estranged

wife had ended, Mr. Baker instead chose to violently seek revenge through control and intimidation. My thanks to ASAs Joe Cullen and Mark Stajdohar for their work in this case, and also to the Aurora Police Department for their work to protect and serve the community.”

Jermaine L. Baker: Age 40 (d.o.b. 1-10-1978), of the 1200 block of Cottonwood Drive, Aurora