

# Man pleads guilty in shooting of motorist

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A Daleville man has pleaded guilty to firing a gun into an occupied vehicle, wounding one of its occupants, as they traveled on U.S. 84 in Daleville.



Sasser

Dale County District Attorney Kirke Adams said 51-year-old Christopher Bruce Sasser pleaded guilty to felony attempted murder, felony shooting into an occupied vehicle and felony first-degree manufacturing a controlled substance.

Daleville police arrested Sasser in December 2014 and charged him with five felony counts of attempted murder, along with the drug manufacturing charge.

Daleville police charged Sasser with using a 9-mm handgun to shoot into an occupied vehicle traveling beside him on U.S. 84. Police said as many as seven shots were fired at the vehicle, which was occupied by a family.

Police said the driver of the vehicle, a woman, was injured. She was taken to Medical Center Enterprise for treatment to a gunshot wound to her left foot. The vehicle was occupied by four other people, including two teenagers and their grandmother.

Circuit Court Judge Kimberly Clark will sentence Sasser on Nov. 10. He faces 20 to 99 years or life in prison for the attempted murder conviction. He faces 10 to 99 years or life in prison for the drug manufacturing charge, and two to 20 years in prison the shooting charge.

Police found no motive for the shooting, and called it random.

"He made the statement to his passenger 'to be a man you got to kill somebody.' That's when he pulled a gun out from underneath the seat and started shooting," then-Daleville police Sgt. Jason Grantham said at the time. "When he got finished shooting he said 'that's how you kill somebody.'"

Police filed an attempted murder charge against Sasser for each person traveling inside the victim's vehicle.

Police also found a 9-mm handgun hidden underneath some meth in a storage shed behind Sasser's home.