

Robert O'Connell freed after less than two months in jail

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QUINCY — Robert O'Connell will be home for Thanksgiving.

The son of one of Quincy's most prominent developers was granted parole and was to be released today after serving less than two months of a seven-month jail sentence for a 2009 shooting.

O'Connell pleaded guilty Sept. 25 to assault with intent to murder and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon in the shooting of former Milton firefighter Joseph Fasano, who survived. O'Connell reported to Norfolk County jail in Dedham on Oct. 1 to serve his sentence.

He underwent a parole review at the jail before Parole Board member Lucy Soto-Abbe on Oct. 31, and parole was granted, said David Weber, spokesman for the Norfolk County Sheriff's Office.

The 43-year-old, who did not have a criminal record prior to the shooting, was scheduled to be released this morning.

O'Connell was sentenced to seven years' probation on the attempted-murder charge, and 2 1/2 years for assault and battery with a dangerous weapon. He was ordered to serve one year, with the balance suspended for seven years, and received credit for five months of pretrial home confinement.

Caitlin Casey, chief of staff of the state Parole Board, did not return a call for comment on the matter. O'Connell's attorney, William Sullivan, and prosecutor, Andrew Berman, declined to comment.

O'Connell's attorneys filed a court motion Oct. 12 to retain the right to argue in the future for a revision or revocation of the sentence. Sullivan said the filing was a routine post-sentencing action, and that no argument has been made to the court to modify O'Connell's sentence. On Oct. 15, a \$50,000 bail surety was returned to O'Connell's father, Peter.

Peter O'Connell, a former mayoral candidate in Quincy, along with his brother, William, developed Marina Bay, Granite Links Golf Course and other large-scale projects in Quincy and Boston. William O'Connell is awaiting trial on statutory rape and drug trafficking charges.

The 2009 shooting — initially described by authorities as a road rage incident — occurred just before midnight Dec. 13, 2009, on a ramp at Hancock Street and Commander Shea Boulevard in Quincy.

Robert O'Connell, driving in front of then-Milton firefighter and Marine Joseph Fasano, came to a stop in front of Fasano's car. Both men got out of their vehicles and exchanged words, and O'Connell shot Fasano in the stomach. Fasano was traveling with a former girlfriend of William O'Connell's in the passenger seat.

In remarks at Robert O'Connell's sentencing hearing, Fasano said he wanted to put the incident and the stress it caused behind him.

Fasano is suing O'Connell, seeking \$1.5 million in damages and to cover costs related to stomach surgeries he underwent as a result of the shooting.

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