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THIBODAUX – A Golden Meadow man convicted in May of attempted murder and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon was sentenced to 40 years in prison for the crimes Thursday.

Benjamin Sanchez, 25, was convicted of shooting another man following an argument over the telephone on July 26, 2015. After the phone call, Sanchez armed himself with a handgun and drove to what would be the scene of the crime at the corner of Pierce St. and North 3rd in the South Lafourche community. A jury convicted him as charged in May, and Sanchez was formally sentenced this week by the Hon. Steven M. Miller.

“As Judge Miller said, this crime demonstrates the reason that convicted felons are prohibited from having firearms” said Assistant District Attorney Allie Fournet. “It’s a heinous crime, and the victim is going to live with these injuries for the rest of his life. I’m amazed that he even survived, considering the severity of his injuries.”

The victim, who was shot in the abdomen, was one of nine witnesses to testify at trial.

“The seriousness of this crime is reflected in the severity of Judge Miller’s sentence,” said District Attorney Camille A. Morvant, II. “We are certainly satisfied that justice has been done in this case.”

Sanchez was sentenced to serve forty years for the attempted murder conviction, and twenty years on the handgun charges. The sentences were ordered to be served concurrently. Sanchez faced a sentence of between ten and fifty years in prison at hard labor for the conviction for attempted second degree murder. The charge of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon carried a term of between ten and twenty years in prison.