

A well regulated Militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed. --Amendment II, US Constitution



The right of no person to keep and bear arms in defense of his home, person and property, or in aid of the civil power when thereto legally summoned, shall be called to question; . . . --Article II, § 13, Colorado Constitution

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August 13th PPFC Meeting What can happen when you intervene: The Story of Edward Little Wolf

At about 2:30pm on September 10, 2013, in Salida, Colorado, a Safeway employee encountered a 41-year-old man searching through the grocery store's dumpster, according to Salida Police Chief Terry Clark. A physical altercation ensued between the employee and the man before a third party, Edward Little Wolf, came to assist the Safeway employee. Clark said the 41-year-old man walked across G Street from the Safeway parking lot to the alley near Chaffee County Title. Following a verbal altercation, Little Wolf allegedly walked toward the victim and fired at least one round from a .380-caliber handgun at him.

Police arrested 67-year-old Salida resident Edward Cadugan Little Wolf on charges of second-degree assault, a Class 3 felony; menacing, a Class 5 felony; and reckless endangerment, a Class 2 misdemeanor. He was held in Chaffee County Detention Center in lieu of \$20,000 bail.

The 41-year-old man was transported to Heart of the Rockies Regional Medical Center in critical condition and later airlifted to the Front Range. Little Wolf did not resist arrest and was taken into custody by Salida police officers, according to Clark. "He was very cooperative," Clark said. "He stayed right there."

The victim, Joseph McKeever, survived. He was a homeless man who had been warned not to panhandle in front of Safeway. He is a heavy drinker with mental issues.

Little Wolf went to trial in March of this year. Testimony and evidence during the trial delved into Little Wolf's account of the shooting and details about the pistol. The case stems from the shooting near Safeway, which followed a possible assault by a homeless man, Joseph McKeever, of a Safeway manager, Roger Maricle. Little Wolf, who was armed with a .380 Taurus pistol, stepped in, and the altercation ended with McKeever being shot in a nearby alley. Assistant District Attorney Molly Chilson played an audio recording of Detective Rob Martellaro's interview with

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **August 13, 2015, 6:00PM: PPFC board of Directors Meeting, VFW Post 4051**
- **August 13, 7:00PM: PPFC General Membership Meeting**
- **August 8-9: Prospector Sertoma Gun Show, Event Center at Rustic Hills, 3960 Palmer Park Ave (NE corner of Academy & Palmer Park)**

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Next PPFC Meeting
Thursday, August 13, 2015
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Little Wolf shortly after the shooting. Little Wolf said in the interview that upon seeing the confrontation he wondered if he should just get in his car, "or is this manager going to get hurt?" Previous testimony said McKeever was acting belligerently, screaming incoherently at Maricle in the parking lot. "No one else was going to do anything," Little Wolf said. He asked if he could help the manager, who said, "yes." When McKeever was leaving Safeway, he said to the manager either that he was going to "come back for you" or going to "kill you," Little Wolf reported in the interview. Little Wolf said he crossed the street "to calm the fella down," after McKeever called Maricle and Little Wolf "some name I can't remember." Maricle previously testified that McKeever called them a racially derogatory name. McKeever said he was going to take Little Wolf's gun, which Little Wolf said was still holstered. "I didn't pull the trigger; when he grabbed the gun, it went off," he said. Little Wolf reported that the gun fired "just the one time." Multiple witnesses have testified there were two shots, though McKeever was hit only once. Martellaro asked Little Wolf if he thought the situation could have been avoided if he had simply waited for police to arrive. The Safeway manager had told Little Wolf that police were on the way. "Yes," he said in the interview. "I should have gotten in the car, but people are here to help people. "I wish to God I never would have seen that guy." The defense alleges that Little Wolf did not actually shoot McKeever. The gun went off when McKeever grabbed for it. Public defender Magdalena Rosa has repeatedly pointed out a wound on Little Wolf's right hand as evidence.

After more than a week of trial, a jury of 12 found Edward Little Wolf not guilty on the three most serious of four charges. He was found guilty of the Class 3 misdemeanor charge of reckless endangerment. The jury returned a not-guilty verdict on the felony charge of second-degree assault – reckless, a Class 4 felony; menacing with a real or simulated weapon, a Class 5 felony; and the misdemeanor charge of prohibited use of a firearm. Little Wolf was sentenced to 3 months in jail.

This case shows what may happen if you come to the aid of a person. At our August 13th meeting, this case will be discussed by an attorney. For those who carry and may see the need to help a person in trouble, this case will be an excellent example of what you should and should not do.

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