

Man with Columbine connection paroled

CHICAGO TRIBUNE

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A man convicted of helping the teens who shot up Columbine High School buy a gun used in the 1999 attack was paroled Saturday.

Philip Duran had completed 75 percent of his sentence, making him eligible for parole under state law, said Department of Corrections spokeswoman Alison Morgan. He had been sentenced to 4 1/2 years in prison in June 2000 on gun charges.

Duran, 26, had worked with Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold at a pizza shop and introduced them to Mark Manes, the man who sold them a TEC-DC9 semiautomatic handgun used during the rampage on April 20, 1999.

Harris and Klebold fatally shot a teacher and 12 students and wounded 23 others in the high school before killing themselves.