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CASE OF INTEREST

Defendant Sentenced for North Highlands Party Shooting

DATE: September 18, 2017

CASE: Ira Johnson (Case #15F04234)

PROSECUTOR: Deputy District Attorney Jeff Hightower, Homicide Unit

The Honorable Helena Gweon sentenced Ira Johnson to 74 years and 8 months to life in prison. On May 11, 2017, a jury convicted Johnson for the second-degree murder of Rogelio Gastelum, and two counts of attempted murder. The jury also found true allegations that Johnson personally discharged a firearm causing death or great bodily injury.

On July 12, 2015, Ira Johnson and his friends attended a party in North Highlands. When asked to leave, the group started a fight. Johnson and another unidentified man pulled out guns and fired multiple shots into the crowd of partygoers, killing Rogelio Gastelum. Two other victims were shot, but survived their injuries.