

Defendant Convicted for Attempted Murder, Assault, Arson



Sacramento County District Attorney's Office

Semper Justitia

DATE: January 16, 2018

CASE: Richard Castello Galindo Jr. (Case #15F03295)

PROSECUTOR: Deputy District Attorney Andrea Morris, Felony Prosecution Unit

Richard Galindo was convicted by a jury of one count of attempted murder with willful, premeditation and deliberation, five counts of assault with a deadly weapon, and one count of arson of an inhabited structure.

Galindo and the victim were friends. On June 2, 2015, Galindo drove to the victim's apartment. When the victim refused to meet with Galindo, Galindo became angry and banged on the apartment door demanding the victim speak with him. The victim's friend, roommate, and two small children were also in the apartment at the time. The victim stood at a second-story window and an argument ensued between him and Galindo. Galindo threatened to burn the apartment down. He then lit an object on fire and threw it through the first-floor window, which ignited the downstairs of the small apartment. The victim and everyone in his apartment barely escaped out of the back door. The apartment was completely destroyed by the fire, and there was severe damage to neighboring apartments.

Galindo has a prior 2003 strike conviction for assault with a deadly weapon. He faces a maximum sentence of 36 years to life in prison. Sentencing is set for February 22, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.

in Department 31 before the Honorable Michael Kenny.

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