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ELGIN MAN SENTENCED TO 28 YEARS IN PRISON FOR 2010 MURDER ATTEMPT

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An Elgin man has been sent to prison for trying to kill someone he thought was a rival gang member.

Juan Macedo Jr., 26 (d.o.b. 6-27-1986), of the 200 block of North Jackson Street, was sentenced today by Associate Judge Allen M. Anderson to 28 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

Macedo was convicted Oct. 20, 2011, by a Kane County jury, of three counts of attempted first-degree murder, a Class X felony, one count of armed violence, a Class X felony, and one count of aggravated discharge of a firearm, a Class 1 felony.

At about noon March 5, 2010, Macedo was driving a black Toyota Corolla on the near west side of Elgin. Co-defendant Carlos Berrum, 25 (d.o.b. 3-11-1987), of the 1300 block of Getzelman Drive, Elgin, was in the passenger seat. The men began to chase a car that contained a rival gang member. In the vicinity of Wing and Weston streets in Elgin, Macedo rammed his car into the victims' car. Berrum then fired six shots from a handgun from the passenger side of the Toyota into the victims' car. Five shots hit the windshield and one hit the roof of the victims' car. None of the three people in the victims' car was injured.

On May 10, 2012, Berrum agreed with the Kane County State's Attorney to a sentence of 21 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections in exchange for a guilty plea to one count of attempted first-degree murder, a Class X felony.

According to Illinois law, Macedo must serve at least 85 percent of the sentence. Macedo was given credit for at least 882 days in the Kane County jail.

"Our thanks to Det. Tom Wolek and other members of the Elgin Gang Unit, and the Elgin Police Department for their thorough investigation and preparation in this case," said Kane County Assistant State's Attorney Alice Tracy, who, with Kane County ASA Alexander Bederka, prosecuted the case.