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### **ROMEOWILLE WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO KIDNAPPING, TAKES 12-YEAR PRISON SENTENCE**

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A Romeoville woman who, with her boyfriend, kidnapped a woman in 2010, has agreed to plead guilty and has been sentenced to prison.

Montserrat B. Arreola, 25, (d.o.b. 11-16-1986), of the 600 block of Montrose Drive, Romeoville, on Wednesday, Feb. 29, 2012, agreed to a prison term of 12 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections in exchange for a guilty plea to one count of aggravated kidnapping, a Class X felony.

Associate Judge John N. Walters accepted the plea.

Early Nov. 20, 2010, Arreola attacked the victim for an unknown reason. A witness attempted to intervene but was chased away by co-defendant Jean Marc Faison, 26 (d.o.b. 12-20-1985), of the 200 block of Trask Street, Aurora, who had a gun. After the witness left, Faison and Arreola forced the victim into the basement. Faison held a shotgun to the victim's face while he and Arreola punched and kicked the victim about her body, face and head. Arreola cut the victim's face with the knife. Faison dragged the victim upstairs and outside to where the victim saw Faison's car in driveway with the trunk open. As he dragged her upstairs, Faison told the victim he would kill her children if she tried to escape. Upon seeing the open trunk, the victim believed that Faison and Arreola planned to kill her. The victim escaped and knocked on neighboring doors seeking help until someone answered and called 911.

On Sept. 30, 2011, Faison was convicted by a Kane County jury, of one count of attempted first-degree murder while armed with a firearm, a Class X felony, two counts of armed violence, each a Class X felony, two counts of aggravated kidnapping, each a Class X felony, one count of aggravated battery with a deadly weapon, a Class 3 felony, one count of aggravated battery causing great bodily harm, a Class 3 felony, one count of kidnapping, a Class 2 felony, one count of unlawful possession of a weapon by a felon, a Class 3 felony, one count of possession of a weapon without a FOID card, a Class 3 felony, one count of aggravated unlawful restraint, a Class 3 felony, one count of battery, a Class A misdemeanor. He was sentenced Jan. 18, 2012, to 40 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

According to Illinois law, Arreola must serve at least 85 percent of the sentence. She was given credit for at least 465 days served in the Kane County jail, where she had been held since her arrest in lieu of \$75,000 bail.

The case was prosecuted by Kane County Assistant State's Attorneys Deborah Lang and Jonathan McKay.