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DUNDEE MAN GETS 16 YEARS FOR KIDNAPPING, ARMED ROBBERY, ARMED VIOLENCE FOR 2016 SPRING HILL MALL BREAK-IN

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Kane County Judge Alice C. Tracy on May 11, 2021, sentenced **Cesar Natali-Rodriguez** to 16 years of imprisonment in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

A Kane County jury on March 17, 2021, found Natali-Rodriguez guilty of the offenses of armed robbery, Class X felony, 2 counts; aggravated kidnapping, Class X felony; armed violence, Class X felony; theft, Class 2 felony; aggravated unlawful restraint, Class 3 felony.

Kane County Assistant State's Attorneys Bill Engerman and Chris McCall presented evidence that early Nov. 1, 2016, Natali-Rodriguez and his accomplice, who has not been identified by authorities, entered the Spring Hill Mall in West Dundee. They waited for the victim, a mall guard, and when they encountered him they bound his hands with zip ties and covered his eyes with sunglasses that had duct tape over the lenses. They asked the guard for information about mall security videos. They then broke into the Cricket Wireless store and the T-Mobile kiosk and stole more than \$10,000 worth of mobile telephones. The offenders took the guard to a secluded part of the mall, handcuffed him to a drainpipe and left him.

DNA evidence that was found on the zip ties and sunglasses matched to Natali-Rodriguez. Mobile phone records placed Natali-Rodriguez in the vicinity of the mall at the time of his crimes.

According to Illinois law, Natali-Rodriguez must serve at least 85 percent of the sentence. He receives credit for 720 days served in the Kane County jail.

ASA Engerman said:

"This sentence reflects the seriousness of Mr. Natali-Rodriguez's crimes. I hope the victim in this case feels a sense of justice. Thanks to the West Dundee police and Carpentersville investigators for their work."

Cesar Natali Rodriguez: Age 36 (d.o.b. 7-8-1984), of the 36W block of Shady Lane, Dundee, Illinois. Case No. 19CF993.