



## Office of the Kane County State's Attorney

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### **JURY FINDS DANIEL AGUIRRE GUILTY OF MURDER IN 2021 SHOOTING DEATH OF 32-YEAR-OLD FERNANDO CARAPIA AGUIRRE FACES MINIMUM SENTENCE OF 45 YEARS IN PRISON**

April 26, 2023

*RE: **Daniel Aguirre**: Age 25 (d.o.b. 3-16-1998), of the 800 block of South Loucks Street, Aurora, Illinois. Case No. 2021CF2176.*

Kane County State's Attorney Jamie L. Mosser announces that a jury has found **Daniel Aguirre** guilty of the offense of first-degree murder in the January 2021 shooting death of 32-year-old Fernando Carapia of Aurora.

In addition, the jury found that Aguirre personally fired the gun that killed Carapia.

Kane County Assistant State's Attorneys Lori Anderson and Margaret O'Brien presented the following facts during the week-long trial:

On January 15, 2021, shortly before 5 p.m., a car driven by co-defendant Ivan Valles 2021CF140 stopped in the 300 block of South Hinman Street, Aurora. Aguirre exited the front passenger door, ran through a yard to the back of 311 S. Spencer St., and fired multiple gunshots at Carapia, who was in the backyard. Aguirre returned to the vehicle and it fled the scene. Carapia was struck by multiple bullets and died at the scene.

Authorities believe the murder was gang motivated. Carapia was not the intended target and was not a gang member.

Judge John Barsanti set Aguirre's next court appearance for June 14, 2023, at 1:30 p.m., in Courtroom 319 at the Kane County Judicial Center for motions and sentencing. Aguirre faces a sentence of between 45 years and life imprisonment in the Illinois Department of Corrections. The sentence includes a mandatory 25-year enhancement because Aguirre fired the gun that killed Carapia.

Aguirre remains in custody at the Kane County jail, where he had been held in lieu of \$1 million bail since his arrest. Judge Barsanti revoked bond upon conviction.

**ASA Anderson said:** “The murder of Fernando Carapia was most likely the result of senseless gang bravado. To say Fernando was in the wrong place at the wrong time minimizes the absurdity of the violent gang activity that continues to plague the city of Aurora and its residents. My thanks to ASA O’Brien and victim advocates Linda Hagemann and Martha Martinez. Many thanks to all at the Aurora Police Department for their work, specifically Detectives Jason Cudebec and Mathew Adam, and the entire evidence team. This investigation was a team effort between APD and our office from the beginning, and resulted in a professional and complete investigation. Finally, a sincere thank you to the many citizens who came forward to assist in the investigation.”

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