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**DANIEL AGUIRRE GETS 75 YEARS FOR 2021 MURDER
OF 32-YEAR-OLD FERNANDO CARAPIA OF AURORA**
FACED MINIMUM PRISON SENTENCE OF 45 YEARS

June 20, 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 Judge John A. Barsanti has sentenced **Daniel Aguirre** to 75 years of imprisonment in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

In April 2023, a jury found 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 driveway. 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 a gang member and was not the intended target.

The sentence is 50 years for the murder plus a mandatory 25-year enhancement because Aguirre personally fired the gun that killed Carapia. Aguirre receives credit for time served in the Kane County jail.

ASA Anderson said: "Daniel Aguirre decided to murder a rival gang member and instead killed Fernando Carapia. Fernando had nothing to do with street gangs. I hope the words spoken by

Fernando's wife and brother-in-law during the sentencing hearing as they described the pain and anguish they feel from his absence made an impact on him. Fernando was a beloved husband and father, needlessly murdered before he was able to meet his second son. He was a victim of the senseless gang violence that continues to disrupt peaceful life in the city of Aurora. This 75-year sentence means Mr. Aguirre will spend the rest of his life in prison, so he'll have a long time to think about his poor choices. Many people are owed a thank-you for their work in this case: ASA O'Brien, victim advocates Linda Hagemann and Martha Martinez, along with Detectives Jason Cudebec and Mathew Adam, and the entire Aurora Police Department. Lastly, thanks to the citizens who came forward to assist in the investigation and assure justice for Fernando, his family and their community."

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