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INDIANA MAN GUILTY OF MULTIPLE WEAPONS OFFENSES MINIMUM 6-YEAR PRISON SENTENCE AWAITS

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*RE: **Lorenzo J. Garcia**: Age 33 (d.o.b. 11-28-1989), of the 5000 block of Magoun Avenue, East Chicago, Indiana. Case No. 2023CF626.*

Kane County State's Attorney Jamie L. Mosser announces that a jury has found **Lorenzo J. Garcia** guilty of the offenses of:

- Armed habitual criminal, Class X felony
- Unlawful use of a weapon – machine gun, Class X felony
- Unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon, Class 2 felony
- Unlawful possession of firearm ammunition by a felon, Class 2 felony
- Aggravated unlawful use of a weapon, Class 2 felony
- Possession of a firearm without Firearm Owners Identification, Class 3 felony

Kane County Assistant State's Attorneys Brandon Raney and Hannah Stout presented the following evidence in court:

On March 26, 2023, at about 3:30 p.m. Garcia was the front seat passenger of a black Ford F-150 pickup that was traveling east on Interstate 90 through Kane County. An Illinois State Police trooper saw the truck commit a traffic violation and stopped it. While speaking with the pickup's occupants, the trooper saw evidence of the presence of drugs in the vehicle and informed the occupants he planned to search it. Garcia became visibly nervous and refused to get out of the truck, so troopers removed him from the truck. The troopers found between the passenger seat and the center console a loaded Glock handgun equipped with a device that converts the handgun to be fully automatic. Three additional loaded ammunition magazines were found in the truck's glove compartment in front of where Garcia had been sitting. A laboratory analysis found Garcia's fingerprint on the gun.

Judge Alice C. Tracy scheduled Garcia's court appearance for motions and sentencing for September 15, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in Courtroom 313 at the Kane County Judicial Center.

Garcia faces a sentence of between 6 and 30 years of imprisonment in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

Garcia remains in custody at the Kane County jail, where he had been held in lieu of \$35,000 bail. Judge Tracy revoked his bond upon conviction.

ASA Raney said: “Lorenzo Garcia’s criminal history includes multiple felony offenses for which he has served time in prison. Despite this he chose to arm himself with a fully automatic weapon, which he was prohibited by law from possessing. I would like to thank Illinois State Police Trooper Eric Manheim and Master Sergeant Melzer for their vigilance and dedication to protecting our community, Illinois State Police Forensic Scientists Michelle Borrero and Kurt Murray for their work in analyzing this weapon, John Strode of the Illinois State Police Firearms Services Bureau for his constant assistance, and ASA Stout.”