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Gilpin Pleads Guilty in Chaska Shooting and is Sentenced to Three Hundred and Thirty-One Months in Prison

Carver County Attorney Mark Metz announced that on June 30, 2016, Carver County District Court Judge Kevin Eide sentenced Joshua Lee Gilpin, age 39, to a prison term of 331 consecutive months for the attempted murder of his child's mother and near fatal shooting of his father. Gilpin pled guilty to both Attempted First Degree Murder and First Degree Assault. This 331-month sentence (27.6 years) is the maximum sentence allowed under the Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines.

On October 1, 2015, Gilpin and his father, R.G., drove together from Jordan to a Chaska residence to drop Gilpin's four year-old son off with the child's mother, H.R. H.R. is Gilpin's ex-girlfriend. Gilpin was angry and jealous that H.R. was now dating another man.

Unbeknownst to R.G., Gilpin had brought a concealed, loaded .44 caliber black powder revolver to the residence. R. G. waited in the driveway area as Gilpin and H.R. met in the garage. At that time, H.R. heard a clicking noise, which she believed to be a gun and Gilpin said "do you know what that means?" Gilpin then asked H.R. whether she wanted Gilpin to kill her or her boyfriend first.

Terrified, H.R. called for help. R.G. then ran into the garage as Gilpin first shot H.R. through the back of her neck as she tried to flee, a shot that miraculously missed H.R.'s spinal cord and major arteries. Then, as R.G. tried to wrest control of the gun, Gilpin then shot his father at point blank range in the chest. This lead slug remains lodged in R. G.'s liver. The four-year old child was present and witnessed these shootings. After shooting the victims, Gilpin fled the scene on foot. Gilpin was later arrested outside his parents' home in Jordan, Minnesota.

Importantly, Carver County Attorney Mark Metz emphasizes that this was an attempted murder specifically occurring in the context of domestic violence.

Particularly as the extreme violence was witnessed by the four-year old child, this tragic crime brought sorrow and grief to a large number of family members. Prompt and vigorous prosecution of domestic violence is a key priority of the Carver County Attorney's Office. This conviction best serves both the family and community interests,

Carver County Attorney Metz recognizes the excellent legal work by Criminal Division Manager Dave Hunt and Assistant County Attorney Angella Erickson. In addition, Attorney Metz thanks the Chaska Police Department for its professional, diligent, and thorough investigation.

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