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AURORA MAN PLEADS GUILTY IN THANKSGIVING 2015 SHOOTING

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An Aurora man who opened fire on someone outside a business the afternoon of Thanksgiving 2015 is headed to prison.

22-year-old **Gheroncia N. Suggs** on Friday, Dec. 8, 2017, agreed to a sentence of 6½ years' imprisonment in the Illinois Department of Corrections in exchange for a guilty plea to attempted aggravated battery with a firearm, Class 1 felony.

Circuit Judge James C. Hallock accepted the plea.

At about 3:30 p.m. Nov. 26, 2015, Suggs, co-defendant Darious Harris, and two other persons were in Suggs vehicle, which was parked outside an open business in the 200 block of Hill Avenue, Aurora. Suggs was in the driver's seat and Harris was seated behind him. Suggs jumped out of the vehicle, and fired six shots from a handgun at Harris. Harris fired a single shot from a handgun in return as he attempted to flee from the vehicle. Harris was struck once in the leg. No one else was injured.

A Kane County jury convicted Harris in 2016 of aggravated unlawful use of a weapon in the case, Class 4 felony. He was sentenced to 3 years' imprisonment.

According to Illinois law, Suggs is eligible for day-for-day sentencing. He receives credit for 434 days served in the Kane County jail, where he had been held since his arrest in lieu of \$300,000 bail. Bond was revoked upon conviction.

Kane County Assistant State's Attorneys Lori Anderson, Vincent Coyle and Robert Kinsella prosecuted the case.

Gheroncia N. Suggs: Age 22 (d.o.b. 8-4-1995), of the 1000 block of North Avenue, Aurora