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LAKE IN THE HILLS MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO HIS ROLE IN 2016 ELGIN KIDNAPPING SCHEME

THREE PREVIOUSLY CONVICTED; CHARGES AGAINST ONE STILL PENDING

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Four people are now convicted in a 2016 kidnapping scheme in Elgin after a Lake in the Hills man pleaded guilty to his role.

20-year-old **Luis M. Palomar** on Wednesday, June 6, 2018, agreed to a sentence of 16½ year' imprisonment in the Illinois Department of Corrections in exchange for guilty pleas to:

- Home invasion, Class X felony
- Unlawful delivery of a controlled substance, Class 1 felony
- Burglary, Class 3 felony
- Mob action, Class 4 felony

Circuit Judge Donald M. Tegeler, Jr., accepted the plea.

On Feb. 26, 2016, Palomar and four others kidnapped the victim from an Elgin residence, beat her, then brought her to an Elgin apartment where they continued to beat her, burn her with lit cigarettes and hold her against her will.

The other three offenses are unrelated to the home invasion:

- Between June 23, 2016, and June 29, 2016, Palomar sold between 1 and 15 grams of cocaine to an undercover officer in Elgin. Palomar was free on bond in the Feb. 26 case at the time.
- On Aug. 9, 2016, Palomar unlawfully entered a vehicle parked in the 100 block of Tay River Drive, Carpentersville, and stole a pair of sunglasses. Palomar was free on bond in the Feb. 26 case at the time.
- On March 5, 2018, Palomar was among 16 Kane County jail detainees who participated in a fight.

The sentence is 11½ years for the home invasion offense, a total of 4 years for the drug delivery and burglary offenses and 1 year for the mob action offense.

According to Illinois law, Palomar is eligible for day-for-day sentencing. He was given credit for 704 days served in the Kane County jail.

One of the co-defendants in the kidnapping scheme pleaded guilty in February, and two other co-defendants pleaded guilty in March.

In addition, a fifth offender previously pleaded guilty in the case in juvenile court. Illinois law prohibits authorities from disclosing more specific information about juvenile offenders and their cases.

The charges against the remaining defendant are not proof of guilt. The defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial in which it is the state's burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

Kane County Assistant State's Attorneys Daniel Weiler and Kelly M. Orland prosecuted the case.

Luis M. Palomar: Age 20 (d.o.b. 1-23-1998), of the 1-99 block of Clark Avenue, Lake in the Hills, Illinois