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DeKALB MAN FACING MINIMUM 15-YEAR PRISON SENTENCE FOR THIRD GUN-RELATED OFFENSE

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A DeKalb man with a violent criminal history faces a prison sentence of at least 15 years after being convicted of another felony gun offense.

A Kane County jury today convicted 28-year-old **Derrick L. Givens** of the offenses of:

- Armed habitual criminal, Class X felony
- Armed violence, Class X felony
- Aggravated fleeing & eluding, Class 4 felony

Kane County Assistant State's Attorneys Daniel Weiler and Joseph Gay presented evidence that shortly before 5:30 p.m. Dec. 9, 2017, Aurora police investigators conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle that Givens was driving. They recognized Givens as the driver and knew he was on parole for a prior conviction. Given spoke briefly with police and then fled in the car. After a brief chase through a residential neighborhood at speeds that exceeded 25 mph over the posted limit, Givens struck a curb and crashed the vehicle near Durham and West Upper Brandon drives in Aurora. During the investigation police found a loaded Smith & Wesson 9mm semiautomatic pistol not far from the crash scene. A witness in the car told police that he saw Givens reach into his jacket and throw an object out of the car near where the gun was found.

Givens was on parole at the time for a 2016 conviction for home invasion that occurred in 2014 in Aurora. In addition Givens was convicted in 2008 of aggravated discharge of a firearm, which occurred in 2007 in Aurora.

A person commits the offense of armed habitual criminal when he or she is in possession of a firearm after being convicted of two or more forcible felonies.

Circuit Judge John A. Barsanti set Givens' next court appearance for 9 a.m. Jan. 16, 2019, for the filing of motions.

Given remains in the Kane County jail, where he has been held since his arrest in lieu of \$300,000 bail. Judge Barsanti revoked bond upon conviction.

“This defendant has committed multiple gun offences and continues to prove that he is a danger to society,” Kane County State’s Attorney Joe McMahon said.

Derrick L. Givens: Age 28 (d.o.b. 7-26-1990), of the 800 block of Regent Drive, DeKalb, Illinois. Case No. 17CF2304.