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AURORA TEEN PLEADS GUILTY TO MIDAFTERNOON SHOOTING, GETS 12 YEARS IN PRISON

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Kane County State's Attorney Jamie L. Mosser announces that 17-year-old **Christian O. Capuchino** has agreed to a sentence of 12 years of imprisonment in the Illinois Department of Corrections in exchange for a guilty plea to the offense of aggravated battery with a firearm, Class X felony.

Kane County Judge John A. Barsanti accepted the plea.

Kane County Assistant State's Attorney Bill Engerman stated in court that, at about 3:15 p.m. on November 29, 2020, Capuchino, and a co-defendant were passengers in a white Hyundai sedan driven by the second co-defendant on Aurora's near east side. The Hyundai was following a second vehicle, which pulled into a driveway in the 800 block of Claim Street. Capuchino and the first co-defendant exited the vehicle, each armed with a handgun that was provided by the driver. Capuchino and the first co-defendant then fired dozens of gunshots at the victim and returned to the Hyundai and jumped in. The Hyundai then fled. The victim suffered multiple gunshot wounds. Aurora police recovered 49 shell casings from the scene.

Capuchino was 16 years old at the time. Given the serious nature of his crimes, the case against Capuchino was prosecuted in adult court in accordance with Illinois law.

Capuchino must serve at least 85 percent of the sentence. Capuchino receives credit for 550 days served in the Kane County jail.

The cases against the two co-defendants are pending. The charges against them are not proof of guilt. They are presumed innocent and are entitled to a fair trial in which it is the state's burden to prove their guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

ASA Engerman said:

"Christian Capuchino's age did not insulate him from having to accept responsibility for his violent actions of November 29, 2020. Other young people should take note that when warranted, the Kane County State's Attorney's Office will prosecute juvenile offenders vigorously to protect public safety and vindicate the rights of victims. My thanks to the

members of the Aurora Police Department for their thorough investigation into this matter.”

Christian O. Capuchino: Age 17 (d.o.b. 7-7-2004), of the 200 block of South Ohio Street, Aurora, Illinois. Case No. 2020CF2251.