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### **THIRD MAN PLEADS GUILTY IN 2021 AURORA CARJACKING THAT LEFT WOMAN PARALYZED DARRELL FRAZIER GETS 33 YEARS IN PRISON**

*RE: **Darrell D. Frazier**: Age 20 (d.o.b. 11-4-2002), of the 17700 block of Burnham Avenue, Lansing, Illinois. Case No. 2021CF1071.*

January 18, 2023

Kane County State's Attorney Jamie L. Mosser and Aurora Chief of Police Keith Cross announce that **Darrell D. Frazier** has agreed to a sentence of 33 years of imprisonment in the Illinois Department of Corrections in exchange for a guilty plea to the offense of aggravated vehicular hijacking, Class X felony.

Judge Alice C. Tracy accepted the plea.

Assistant State's Attorney Mark D. Stajdohar stated the following facts in court:

At about 4 p.m. on January 16, 2021, in a restaurant parking lot in the 1200 block of North Orchard Road, Aurora, Frazier and three others stole a car. During the theft they struggled with the car owner who was seated inside, pushing and pulling her in an attempt to remove her from the vehicle. Co-defendant Ishmail Gonzalez then fired at least three shots from a handgun. One bullet struck the victim, leaving her permanently paralyzed.

The sentence is 18 years for the aggravated vehicular hijacking offense, plus a mandatory 15-year enhancement because a gun was used in the commission of the crime.

According to Illinois law, Frazier must serve at least 85 percent of the sentence. He receives credit for 576 days served in incarceration.

Frazier is the third and final person to be convicted and sentenced in the case. Co-defendant Edward McGee 2021CF752 previously pleaded guilty to the offense of aggravated vehicular hijacking and received a sentence of 35 years in prison. Gonzalez 2022CF439 pleaded guilty to the offenses of aggravated battery with a firearm and armed violence and was sentenced to 40 years in prison. The fourth co-defendant was killed while committing an unrelated crime a short time after.

**ASA Stajdohar said:** “Mr. Frazier shares equal responsibility in this crime. His poor choices that day almost exactly two years ago are what led him here today, and what forced an innocent victim to have to rebuild her life. I continue to be in awe of her strength, courage and persistence. Thanks to the Aurora Police Department and detectives Chris Cox and Greg Christoffel, to FBI Special Agent Will Fuentes, to former ASA Bill Engerman and ASA Debra Conforti for their work on this case and to victim advocate Linda Hagemann.”

**SA Mosser said:** “These defendants committed a brazen and cowardly crime that permanently altered the life of the victim in this case. All three of these young men deserve to be in prison because of their actions. While this resolution brings the prosecution of cases to an end, the victim of their violence must carry on with a constant reminder of the worst day of her life. I wish her the best and continue to be moved by her bravery and perseverance. My thanks to everyone who has worked on these cases in the pursuit of justice: ASA Mark Stajdohar, former ASA Bill Engerman and ASA Debra Conforti, the Aurora Police Department and the FBI.”

**Chief Cross said:** “No sentence can take away the pain and trauma inflicted by the perpetrators of this heinous crime. However, it is our hope that the hard work put into the investigation, prosecution, and sentencing of these individuals will offer some sense of closure to the victim and her family. We are grateful to the Kane County State’s Attorney’s Office and the FBI for working together with us to bring justice to this case.”