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NAPA DEFENDANTS PLEAD IN BROWNS VALLEY SHOOTING CASE

Napa County District Attorney Allison Haley announced today that defendants Julian Costilla and David Rubio have entered pleas of no contest for a shooting that occurred in the quiet neighborhood of Browns Valley.

In the early morning of April 18, 2018 defendants Costilla and Rubio drove to the victims' house armed with an AK-47 style assault rifle. They got out of the car and Rubio fired over 20 rounds from the assault rifle into the victim's car, front yard, interior of the home and garage, all while four people were inside the home sleeping.

Costilla filmed the crime while it was occurring.

The four victims inside the house were fortunately not injured by the gunfire.

David Rubio pled no contest to two counts of Assault with an Assault Weapon and also admitted that he personally used the gun. He will receive a sentence of 22 years in state prison. His crimes both qualify as violent felony "strikes."

Julian Costilla pled no contest to two counts of Assault with an Assault Weapon along with other special allegations. He will receive a sentence of 15 years, 4 months in state prison. His crimes both qualify as violent felony "strikes."

These convictions are a result of the relentless efforts of the Napa Police Department. Although David Rubio and Julian Costilla initially fled the scene after the shootings, Napa Police Department, with the help of other agencies and citizens, ultimately identified both of the defendants involved and brought them to justice.

"These defendants fired an assault rifle into a home when they knew it was highly probable that the occupants were present and at their most vulnerable: sleeping. The fact that no one was injured was sheer luck; it certainly was not due to any vigilance on the part of the defendants," said Deputy District Attorney Jodi Dell who handled this matter on behalf of the District Attorney's Office.

Both defendants are scheduled to be sentenced by The Honorable Mark S. Boessenecker on August 6, 2019.

Please contact Assistant District Attorney Paul Gero with any questions about this case.