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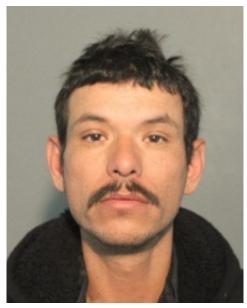
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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: People v. Ricardo Izaguirre

Yesterday, in Department 23 of the Solano County Superior Court, before the Honorable Ramona Garrett, a Solano County jury found the defendant, Ricardo Izaguirre, guilty of Assault With A Deadly Weapon in violation of Penal Code Section 245(a)(1). The jury also found the enhancement true that the defendant personally and intentionally used a deadly or dangerous weapon, a knife, within the meaning of Penal Code Section 12022(b)(1). On December 28th, 2016, at about 3:15 P.M., the defendant entered the Home Depot in Fairfield armed with a knife. The defendant had been previously arrested for petty theft from the same Home Depot three times in 2016. When he entered the store, he was on court probation for petty theft and ordered, as a term of that probation, to stay away from Home Depot in Fairfield. When the defendant entered the store, he was followed by Loss Prevention Officers who attempted to verbally convince the defendant to leave the store and adjacent parking lot. The defendant became agitated in front of the store, and began



screaming obscenities towards the victim, Loss Prevention Officer J.C. J.C. followed the defendant into the parking lot to ensure that he left the property, when the defendant suddenly pulled a large red knife with a six-inch blade from his side. Defendant was within approximately 20 feet of J.C. when he advanced towards him swinging the knife in an aggressive, side-to-side manner. The defendant swung the knife approximately 5-8 times. The victim was able to avoid harm by backing up and walking sideways between cars. After swinging the knife, the defendant walked towards the far corner of the Home Depot parking lot and placed the knife in his backpack. Fairfield Police Department Officer Matthew Loewe searched defendant's backpack and located the large knife. The defendant is scheduled to return to court on May 17, 2017, at 8:30 in Department 23 for sentencing.

Fairfield Police Department Officer Preston Carole investigated the case. The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Daniel Madow.

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