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VIRGINA MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR ATTEMPTED SECOND DEGREE MURDER

On July 24, 2024, Mohave County Superior Court Judge Douglas Camacho sentenced 47-year-old Keathen Giamboi, to a total of 21 years in prison for Attempted Second Degree Murder and Possession of Dangerous Drugs (Methamphetamine). Judge Camacho also sentenced Giamboi to concurrent sentences of 7 years prison for Aggravated Assault (Resulting in Serious Physical Injury) and 12 years prison for Aggravated Assault (with a Dangerous Instrument).

The sentence follows a week-long jury trial which took place from June 24, 2024 through late June 28, 2024. During the jury trial, the State proved that Giamboi, travelling west on I-40, had pulled into the Petro Travel Center around the same time as the victim, a truck driver travelling east. After a disagreement, Giamboi positioned his vehicle, a Honda Accord, in the direction of the victim who was standing in the dirt lot. Giamboi then accelerated towards the victim ultimately hitting him with the vehicle. Surveillance footage at the Petro Travel Center showed the victim roll over the Honda and land on the ground. Giamboi's vehicle was then seen turning the vehicle around and running the vehicle over the victim's body again before fleeing down the road.

Mohave Deputy county Attorney Leah Nelson commends the Mohave County Sheriff's Office, whose officers arrived on scene within 5 minutes of the 911 call, and promptly began an investigation, ultimately apprehending Giamboi up the road without incident. Nelson also praises the employees at the Petro Travel Center for their assistance and cooperation with the initial investigation and at the subsequent jury trial two years later. "Justice is a team effort, and is best achieved when the State, law enforcement, victims, and citizens of the community work together."

"Leah has become one of the leading trial lawyers in the office, having conducted over 25 jury trials in her four years at the Mohave County Attorney's Office," commented County Attorney Matt Smith.