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**KRISTOFER HAKEN OF MANCHESTER, VETERAN AND PROSPECT IN OUTLAW MOTORCYCLE GANG, SENTENCED 10 TO 20 YEARS TO NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE PRISON FOR SHOOTING OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT AT LUIGI'S PIZZA BAR & GRILL**

Hillsborough County Attorney Dennis C. Hogan announces that on Wednesday, October 5, 2011, 2011, KRISTOFER HAKEN, age 32, of Manchester, was sentenced, following a plea of guilty, on a felony charge of Second Degree Assault. As requested by the State, the sentence of 10 to 20 year at the New Hampshire State Prison, with 2 ½ years suspended off of the minimum, was imposed by the Honorable Gillian Abramson in Hillsborough County Superior Court, Northern District. Due to the fact that a firearm was used, the maximum sentence under the charge was 10 to 20 years at the New Hampshire State Prison.

The charges against Kristofer Haken arose from a tense confrontation that occurred April 16, 2010 at approximately 8:30 pm in Luigi's Bar and Grill at 712 Valley Street. The confrontation appeared to have been a turf battle between rivaling motorcycle gangs, specifically gang members affiliated with the Hells Angels and the Outlaws motorcycle gangs. At approximately 8:40 the confrontation became physical and fighting erupted. Petros Kostakis, the owner and manager of Luigi's, in an attempt to clear the restaurant, fired several rounds from his handgun in the air while standing in the parking lot of Luigi's. Shortly after the shots were fired by Kostakis, the defendant, Kristofer Haken, went to the vehicle of his girlfriend, Alica Cote, and retrieved a 20 gauge shotgun. Haken got into the passenger seat and as his girlfriend was driving away, Haken fired a shot from the passenger seat window at three high school boys who had come to Luigi's for pizza and were completely unconnected with the gang violence. One of the three high school students getting into a pickup truck was hit by the shotgun fired by Haken. He suffered serious injury to his hand and leg as he was hit with numerous pellets from the blast.

At sentencing, Kristofer Haken presented evidence that he suffered Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome as a result of his active duty in both Afghanistan and Iraq. Chief David Mara also testified at the sentencing, encouraging the Court to send a message that Manchester is not a turf for gang violence.

The case was investigated by the Manchester Police under the excellent leadership of Detective Peter Marr. He and other members of the Manchester Police Department were instrumental in the successful prosecution of this case. The case was prosecuted by Assistant County Attorney Kenneth L. Perkes.

Questions about the case can be referred to County Attorney Dennis C. Hogan at the County Attorney's Office in Nashua at 603.627.5605.

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