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La Crescenta Man Sentenced for Assault of Loan Modification Agents

A La Crescenta man was sentenced today in the October 2009 attack on two loan modification agents in Glendale, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Stephanie Mire said Daniel Weston, 56, was sentenced to six years in state prison.

Judge Suzette Clover of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Pasadena Branch, presided over the case.

Weston pleaded no contest to assault with a firearm causing great bodily injury on Jan. 31, 2013.

Four other defendants in the same case were previously sentenced. Gustavo Canez, 40, pleaded no contest to assault with a deadly weapon, a knife, on Jan. 22, 2013 and was sentenced to six years in state prison.

Mary Ann Parmelee, 55, pleaded no contest on Sep. 13, 2010 to one count of making criminal threats and was sentenced to five years of formal probation.

Mario Solomon Gonzales, 52, and Marissa Parker, 53, both pleaded no contest to accessory after the fact. Gonzales was sentenced to 36 months formal probation on Aug. 21, 2012, and Parker was sentenced to five years formal probation on Sep. 13, 2010.

Facing foreclosure on their house, Weston and Parmelee sought loan modification assistance from the victims but believed that nothing was being done and wanted their money back, according to Mire.

The defendants, including Gonzales and Parker, set up a meeting with the victims on Oct. 20, 2009 at the location where the assault took place. Weston and Canez carried out the attack in the presence of the other defendants. The victims also were robbed of their loan paperwork and personal belongings, the prosecutor added.

Gonzales, Parker and Parmelee, a realtor, had a business relationship with the victims, Mire added. The three funneled loan modification referrals to the two agents.

The case was investigated by the Glendale Police Department.

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