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NEWS RELEASE

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Ramiro Garibay Convicted of Assaulting Glendale Police Officer; Faces Up to 35 Years

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Christmas Child Molester Sentenced to 30 Years Flat and Two Lifetime Probation Terms

Ramiro Garibay (DOB 9/15/76) has been convicted of aggravated assault after stabbing a Glendale Police Officer. On August 12, 2009, Officer Garcia approached Garibay at approximately 1:00 am. After Garibay failed to heed Officer Garcia's call to stop, Officer Garcia pursued Garibay, who responded by punching Officer Garcia in the chest and stabbing him several times before fleeing the scene.

Glendale Police investigators eventually linked Garibay to an unrelated vehicle theft, and video surveillance of the defendant committing the car theft emerged. Officer Garcia later positively identified Garibay as his attacker.

Garibay, who has two prior felony convictions, was convicted on Monday of aggravated assault, a class two dangerous felony. Garibay is facing 10.5 to 35 years in prison. Sentencing is scheduled for September 14, 2010 at 9:30 am before Judge Susanna Pineda. The case was prosecuted by Deputy County Attorneys Jay Rademacher and Belle Whitney.

Separately, Larry Jon Ladwig (DOB 5/25/64) was sentenced this morning to 30 years in prison without the possibility of early release and two lifetime probation terms for kidnapping and sexually molesting a five-year-old girl on Christmas day. Ladwig also received an additional three year probation term for assaulting the police officer who rescued the victim from Ladwig's car following a high-speed chase. Ladwig earlier pleaded guilty to charges of kidnapping, sexual conduct with a minor, attempted sexual exploitation of a minor, attempted molestation of a child, and aggravated assault.

Deputy County Attorney Rachel Mitchell prosecuted the case.