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**Austin man gets 11 years for armed attack of former girlfriend**

A gun-wielding burglar was sentenced to 11 years in prison Friday for a violent assault of a former girlfriend in her North Austin apartment last August, said the Travis County District Attorney's office.

On Thursday, a jury found the defendant, Isidro Mendez-Felipe (AKA Sergio Mendez), guilty of burglary of a habitation with the intent to commit assault. Judge Julie Kocurek announced the sentence today.

The victim had broken off the relationship with Mendez-Felipe after he was arrested for assaulting her a little less than four months earlier.

Police were called to the apartment on Georgian Drive in the early morning hours of August 31 and immediately spotted a broken window. Body camera footage showed Mendez-Felipe and the victim struggling over what appeared to be a rifle.

The officers ordered him to drop the weapon. He did so, but then tried to escape by jumping off a 2<sup>nd</sup> floor balcony. The officers were able to capture him in the parking lot. Afterward, they found that the weapon was actually a pellet gun designed to look like a rifle. Testimony revealed that the Defendant had broken into the home and threatened to kill the victim, her 6 minor children, and her sister in law.

Assistant District Attorneys Neha Naik and Dimple Malhotra of the Family Violence division in the Special Victims Unit handled the case.

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