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JURY TRIALS END IN CONVICTION IN TWO SEPARATE FELONY CASES

THIBODAUX – Two defendants standing trial in Lafourche Parish were convicted as charged on felony offenses this week.

Alex Andras was convicted of attempted second degree murder Thursday. Andras was charged with stabbing a male victim multiple times during an altercation which occurred on August 6, 2016 at a residence on Choctaw Road in Thibodaux.

“This was a vicious attack, committed in the victim’s home,” said Assistant District Attorney Shaun George, who prosecuted the case along with ADA Martin Caillouet. The testimony offered at trial showed that the victim had 16 stab wounds, including a slashed throat. The victim survived, however, and testified at trial.

The incident resulted from an ongoing dispute between the victim and defendant, culminating in a fight in which Andras struck the victim multiple times while armed with a knife.

“We hope that the jury’s verdict sends a strong and clear message to everyone that disputes can never be resolved with violence,” said District Attorney Kristine Russell. “We are very fortunate that this fight didn’t end with a homicide.”

Andras is set for sentencing on February 5. He faces a possible prison term of not less than ten nor more than fifty years in prison.

Also convicted this week was Elijah Rodrigue, who was found guilty Wednesday of being an accessory after the fact to simple burglary.

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“The credit for this conviction goes to the Lafourche Parish Sheriff’s Office investigators, who followed this case to a close,” said ADA Jason Chatagnier, who prosecuted the case.

Neighbors of the victim, who also testified at trial, reported the break-in of a residence on Highway 307 in Kramer on May 28, 2016. Witnesses placed Rodrigue at the scene during the burglary, and noted that he appeared to be acting nervous. Among the items stolen during the burglary were ten or more guns, valued at approximately \$10,000.

The subsequent investigation identified a number of suspects, including Rodrigue, who did not testify in his defense.

Rodrigue is scheduled for formal sentencing on March 2. Rodrigue faces a jail term of up to five years, and a fine of up to five hundred dollars.