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**Press Release – Mark Campbell Sentenced
in Domestic Violence Case**

The man who set his truck on fire and drove it into the victim's home in Lafayette was sentenced to sixteen (16) years in state prison today. Mr. Campbell pled guilty to Criminal Attempt to Commit First Degree Assault and First Degree Burglary, both as acts of Domestic Violence, for his actions on May 26, 2019. The defendant told police that he was angry with the victim, with whom he had a prior relationship, because she had not returned his phone calls. In response, the defendant filled the bed of his truck with firewood and drove to her home. After arguing with the victim's boyfriend at the front door of the house, the defendant doused the wood with gasoline and set the wood on fire. The defendant was heard saying "If I can't have her, no one will," as he drove the flaming truck and smashed through the front living room wall of her home. The victim, her boyfriend, and a minor child were inside the home at the time. The victims were renting the home. All three escaped the fire through the back door of the home. Mr. Campbell's actions caused massive fire and structural damage to the home.

Lafayette police responded quickly and were able to de-escalate the situation with the defendant, and eventually convinced Mr. Campbell to surrender peacefully. The Lafayette Fire Department quickly contained the fire from preventing any injury to the victims or bystanders.

Senior Deputy District Attorney Anne Kelly stated, "The defendant's actions in this case were exceptionally dangerous and demonstrated a grave indifference to the life and safety of the victims and everyone living in that neighborhood. His actions have had a devastating financial impact on property owner who was forced to rebuild the home the defendant destroyed. The devastating effects of the defendant's actions could have been much worse if not for the fast and effective response from the Lafayette Police and Fire Department. Our community is fortunate to have such skilled first responders responding to this situation."

District Attorney Michael Dougherty stated, “The victims are lucky to be alive. The picture of the house says it all. This case illustrates how dangerous domestic violence can be and why these cases are a priority for this office. Lafayette Police and Fire are to be commended for their outstanding efforts and their courage in responding to the perilous, and potentially deadly, situation that the defendant created. I am grateful for Senior Deputy DA Anne Kelly, who specializes in domestic violence cases, for her tireless efforts on this case and others.”

