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Man Sentenced for Attempted Murder of Ex-Girlfriend in Glendale

A Sunland man was sentenced today to 41 years and four months to life in state prison for trying to kill his ex-girlfriend by throwing an incendiary device into her Glendale apartment in 2015, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

On May 8, 2018, a jury found Gagik Akopyan, 40, guilty of one count each of attempted murder, arson of an inhabited structure, injuring a girlfriend and stalking.

Deputy District Attorney Melanie Drew said the jury also found that Akopyan used a device designed to accelerate the fire.

On April 19, 2015, the defendant broke a window in his ex-girlfriend's apartment, removed a board she had placed there for her protection and threw a device inside, causing an explosion and a fire, the prosecutor said. According to court testimony, Akopyan also had punched the victim earlier that month, the prosecutor added.

Case GA096106 was investigated by the Glendale Police Department.

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