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## **PRESS RELEASE**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**Thursday, November 14, 2013**

**PAYSON RESIDENT WHO BURNED HIS NEIGHBOR'S HOUSE DOWN AND THEN  
ASSAULTED BOTH HIS NEIGHBOR AND ANOTHER WOMAN WITH AN AXE  
SENTENCED TO 8 YEARS IN PRISON.**

Payson, Arizona – Gila County Attorney Bradley D. Beauchamp announced that on November 1, 2013, 47 year-old Daniel Denuzzi was sentenced to 8 years in prison after being found guilty of Attempted First Degree Murder, two counts of Aggravated Assault, Arson, and Threatening and Intimidating.

According to Chief Deputy Shawn C. Fuller, who prosecuted the case, the State provided the Honorable Presiding Judge Peter J. Cahill with evidence that on November 18, 2011, at approximately 1pm, Denuzzi, who lived in a residence on Moonlight Drive in Payson, assaulted his neighbor with an axe and set fire to the man's house while he (the neighbor) was still inside. After assaulting his neighbor and setting the man's house on fire Denuzzi then assaulted a woman with an axe. The woman, who was driving in the neighborhood, slowed down her car after she observed Denuzzi in the middle of the street with an axe and a gas can. Denuzzi then chased after the woman's car screaming with the axe in his hand. Denuzzi was taken into custody at the scene by the Payson Police Department.

At sentencing the State requested that the Court sentence Denuzzi to an aggravated term of 42.5 years in prison, and that 42.5 years in prison was warranted given the egregious nature of the offenses and because Denuzzi, who had previously been convicted of a felony offense within 10 years of the offenses at issue, caused harm to both victims.

County Attorney Beauchamp commended the Gila County Sheriff's Office and the Hellsgate Fire Department for the investigation that led to the successful prosecution of Denuzzi.

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