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ARSONIST SENTENCED

Defendant Receives 60 Month Sentence in Arson of Schenectady Building

United States Attorney Richard S. Hartunian, Special Agent-in-Charge Joseph A. Anarumo of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Fire Chief Michael DellaRocco of the Schenectady Fire Department, and Police Chief Mark Chaires of the Schenectady Police Department, announced that **KENDO GEORGE, a/k/a GEORGE KENDO, a/k/a Shawn**, was sentenced yesterday by Senior United States District Court Judge Thomas J. McAvoy to 60 months incarceration, 3 years of supervised release following his release from incarceration, and payment of \$238,977.68 in restitution. This sentence follows GEORGE's plea of guilty to Arson as set forth in Count 1 of a federal Indictment.

According to the facts as admitted to by the Defendant, on or about September 28, 2009, in the early hours of the morning, he was present at his former girlfriend's first floor rental unit, located on Broadway in Schenectady, New York, and that following a disagreement with her, he maliciously started a fire that eventually engulfed and destroyed the two-story rental unit.

The prosecution resulted from a joint investigation conducted by the Office of the United States Attorney, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Schenectady Fire Department, and the Schenectady Police Department.