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QUEENS MAN CONVICTED OF MANSLAUGHTER IN STABBING DEATH OF FRIEND

Defendant Faces up to 25 Years to Life in Prison

Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz announced that Marcos Anzurez has been convicted of manslaughter in the stabbing death of an acquaintance in the early morning hours of Sunday, March 11, 2018.

District Attorney Katz said, "Following a jury trial, this defendant was found guilty of causing the senseless death of his acquaintance during a night out and over nothing more than a verbal dispute. My Office will continue to hold accountable those who escalate arguments into deadly altercations. The defendant faces a lengthy prison term as punishment for his criminal actions."

Anzurez, 34, of 59th Avenue, Flushing, Queens, was convicted yesterday of manslaughter in the first degree and criminal possession of a weapon in the fourth degree after a two-week trial before Queens Supreme Court Justice Michael Aloise. Justice Aloise indicated that he would sentence the defendant on December 12, 2022, at which time he faces up to 25 years in prison.

District Attorney Katz said that, according to trial testimony, on March 11, 2018, the defendant and the victim, Luis Angel Solis Apolonio, 29, were engaged in a heated argument which turned into a physical altercation. An eyewitness was able to separate the two men after which the defendant turned his back and appeared to walk away. The defendant then quickly turned around with a black folding knife in his hand and began repeatedly slashing and stabbing Mr. Apolonio. The blade sliced into Mr. Apolonio's neck, torso and extremities causing his death.

Senior Assistant District Attorney John Esposito, of the District Attorney's Homicide Bureau, is prosecuting the case under the supervision of Senior Assistant District Attorneys Peter J. McCormack III and John Kosinski, Karen Ross, Deputy Bureau Chief and under the overall supervision of Executive Assistant District Attorney for Major Crimes Daniel A. Saunders.

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