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Edison Estremera-Cohen Sentenced to 40 Years to Life for the murder of David Vazquez, and Other Violent Crimes

Rochester, N.Y. – On Friday, November 13, 2026, Monroe County Court Judge Julie Hahn sentenced 35-year-old Edison Estremera-Cohen to 40 years to life in the New York State Department of Corrections for the murder of David Vazquez, and other violent crimes. On September 21, 2026, a Monroe County jury found Estremera-Cohen guilty of two counts of Murder in the 2nd Degree, Robbery in the 1st Degree, and four counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree.

On June 22, 2025, at approximately 7:00 a.m., Rochester Police Officers were called to a vacant house on Oscar Street in the City of Rochester. Upon arrival, officers found the body of 30-year-old David Vazquez, who was deceased with multiple gunshot wounds.

Estermera-Cohen, who was quickly identified in surveillance video, was seen stealing money from David Vazquez then shooting him, before fleeing on a bike. On North Clinton Avenue, the defendant dropped his bike and fled. As a foot chase began, Edison Estremera-Cohen pulled out an illegally possessed gun and shot at one of the officers from a short distance, grazing his ear.

Rochester Police Officers returned fire and quickly apprehended the defendant, who was charged with the murder of David Vazquez.

The case was prosecuted by First Assistant District Attorney Perry Duckles and former Assistant District Attorney Michael Harrigan.

"Edison Estremera-Cohen committed a calculated, violent crime that resulted in the senseless murder of David Vazquez — and today's sentence reflects the gravity of his actions," said First Assistant District Attorney Perry Duckles. "As the evidence proved at trial, Estremera-Cohen robbed and shot David before fleeing the scene. There was no remorse, because the defendant had every intent to kill. My gratitude goes out to the Rochester Police Department for the meticulous investigation that secured this conviction, as well as the officers who faced immense danger to take this defendant into custody. While nothing can undo this tragedy, I hope today's sentencing offers David's family and loved ones a meaningful sense of justice and closure."

"The video evidence presented to the jury during the trial was clear – this was an execution committed by Edison Estremera-Cohen with no regard for human life," said Monroe County District Attorney Brian Green. "The jury's verdict and subsequent sentencing holds Estremera-Cohen accountable for David Vazquez's murder and for the violent crimes committed that day. I appreciate the work of the Rochester Police Department, as well as First Assistant District Attorney Perry Duckles and former Assistant District Attorney Michael Harrigan for their dedication to this important case. Above all, my thoughts remain with David's family and loved ones, who have had to endure an unimaginable loss."

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