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Jose Sanchez Pleads Guilty to Manslaughter 1st

Rochester, NY- On Friday, September 17, 2021, 32-year-old Jose Sanchez pled guilty to Manslaughter in the 1st Degree for the March 11, 2020 homicide of Pedro Santiago, Sr. on Nester Street in the City of Rochester. Jose Sanchez will serve 23 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 5 years of post-release supervision.

On March 11, 2020, a United States Postal employee was delivering mail along her route when she came across the victim, 78-year-old Pedro Santiago, bleeding and barely breathing on his front porch. The Postal employee immediately called 911 and attempted to render aid, but Mr. Santiago succumbed to his injuries within moments of being located.

The Rochester Police Department immediately began investigating Mr. Santiago's death. Because of the history between the victim and the defendant, the Rochester Police Department quickly identified Jose Sanchez as a suspect. Later that day, Jose Sanchez turned himself in for stabbing Pedro Santiago and causing his death.

The case was prosecuted by Special Assistant District Attorney Michael Robertson, of the Major Felony Bureau.

"Pedro Santiago was a pillar in this community and will be forever missed," said Assistant District Attorney Michael Robertson. "I want to thank the United States Postal employee who immediately called authorities and attempted to aid Mr. Santiago, as she assisted in the swift and thorough investigation by the Rochester Police Department. I would also like to recognize the efforts of two concerned citizens for their roles in bringing Jose Sanchez to the attention of the Rochester Police Department. It is our hope that with Jose Sanchez's admission of guilt, he will serve his sentence and the friends and family of Pedro Santiago, Sr. can continue to mourn their loved one in peace."

"Jose Sanchez violently took the life of a beloved member of our community," said Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley. "Thank you to the community and the United States Postal employee for assisting in the investigation that led to Jose Sanchez's arrest. With his admission of guilt, it is our hope that Jose Sanchez will spend the next 23 years accepting

responsibility for taking the life of Pedro Santiago, Sr. from his family, friends and our community.”

Jose Sanchez is scheduled for sentencing on November 19, 2021, in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Moran.

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