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Juan Zenon Convicted of Murder in the Second Degree

Rochester, NY- Yesterday, a Monroe County Jury found 44 year-old Juan Zenon guilty of Murder in the Second Degree for the shooting death of 33 year-old Jorge King-Hernandez. On February 6, 2014, Jorge King-Hernandez had just driven a family friend home and was headed to pick up a family member at Tops Supermarket. Video cameras in the vicinity of the crime show King-Hernandez driving down Clifford Avenue towards Miller Street and being followed by a vehicle occupied by 4 individuals, including Juan Zenon. Witnesses testified that at the traffic light on Cleveland Street, the vehicles are stopped and positioned side by side. Juan Zenon exits the passenger side door of the vehicle and approaches the driver's side window of the victim's vehicle. With King-Hernandez still seated in the driver seat of his vehicle, Zenon and King-Hernandez have a brief verbal exchange and Zenon fires three shots at King-Hernandez. According to medical testimony, the gunshot wounds are almost immediately fatal. Eye witnesses testify, King-Hernandez's vehicle goes through the traffic light and crashes into a fence post. The victim was already deceased when the first responders arrived at the crime scene. The defendant, Juan Zenon fled the area and was arrested in Miami, Florida.

The case was prosecuted by Special Assistant District Attorney Michael Harrigan of the Major Felony Bureau and Special Assistant District Attorney Matthew McGrath of the Special Investigations Bureau.

"The combined efforts of eye witness testimony and a Crime Stoppers tip, coupled with available video were instrumental in successfully prosecuting this case. When law abiding citizens in our community are courageous enough to assist the police department and our office with criminal cases like this, we can be successful, ensuring justice to the victims and making the community a safe place to live," said Assistant District Attorney Michael Harrigan.

Juan Zenon is scheduled to be sentenced by Justice Daniel Doyle on January 12, 2016. At which time he faces a sentence of between 15 year to life and 25 years to life in State Prison.

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