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**Flor Rivera and Heriberto Rivera-Mateo Convicted of Assault for Stabbing of
Multiple Defendants**

Rochester, NY- On Wednesday, October 11, a Monroe County Jury convicted 48-year-old Flor Rivera of Assault in the 1st Degree, Assault in the 2nd Degree and Assault in the 3rd Degree for the stabbing of Keith Larkin, Scott Richardson and Melanie Christmas at a Rochester bar on December 3, 2016. Flor's 46-year-old brother Heriberto "Eddie" Rivera-Mateo was also found guilty of Assault in the 2nd Degree for the shooting of Scott Richardson during the same assault at the bar. Rivera-Mateo was also convicted of 2 counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree. Flor Rivera faces up to 25 years in the New York State Department of Corrections and Heriberto Rivera-Mateo faces up to 15 years in the New York State Department of Corrections.

Flor Rivera and his brother jumped Scott Richardson right outside of the bar over a personal conflict. Scott's friend, Keith Larkin, saw his friend being attacked and attempted to stop the fight. Flor Rivera punched Keith before stabbing him 7 times. Flor stabbed the knife 5-6 inches into Keith right below the sternum just missing his heart. As Flor was fighting Keith, Heriberto pulled out a pistol and fired the gun at Scott. Melanie Christmas then came out of the bar and was stabbed by Flor. Flor and Heriberto were arrested by the Rochester Police Department the following day.

The case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Michael Bezer of the Major Felony Bureau.

"This violent assault against three friends who were out enjoying themselves nearly resulted in a homicide," said Assistant District Attorney Michael Bezer. "Yesterday's conviction is the result of an outstanding investigation conducted by the Rochester Police Department and the cooperation of the three victims who were brave enough to confront their assailants. With this guilty verdict, the victims of this assault and their families can find closure and safety in knowing that the defendants are off the streets and behind bars."

Flor Rivera and Heriberto Rivera-Mateo will be sentenced on November 15, 2017, in front of State Supreme Court Judge Renzi.

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