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UNION CITY MAN FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER

PATERSON, NEW JERSEY:

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Passaic County Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes announces that Samuel Rua III, 33, of Union City, was found guilty after a jury trial before the Honorable Sohail Mohammed, J.S.C.

Jury selection commenced on February 6, 2018 and the trial started on February 13, 2018. On March 6, 2018, following approximately one day of deliberations, the jury returned guilty verdicts on first degree Murder, three (3) counts third degree Possession of a Weapon for an Unlawful Purpose, and three (3) counts fourth degree Unlawful Possession of a Weapon. Mr. Rua III is exposed to a term of imprisonment between thirty (30) years and life imprisonment of which (30) years must be served before parole eligibility, and up to five (5) years on the unlawful purpose counts, and up to eighteen (18) months on the unlawful possession of weapons counts. Mr. Rua III was remanded to the Passaic County Jail pending sentence, after Judge Mohammed revoked his bail of \$1,000,000.00. Mr. Rua's sentence is scheduled for April 27, 2018, before the Honorable Sohail Mohammed, J.S.C..

The State presented evidence at the trial that on April 25, 2015, Mr. Rua stabbed and killed Nadjhier Barner-Timmons after they walked together to the area of the train tracks near 26th St. and 18th Ave. in Paterson. Mr. Rua was later located and arrested on May 9, 2015 in the area of 26th Street, between 19th Ave and Market Street in Paterson.

The State was represented by Assistant Prosecutor Jonathan Barrera. Mr. Rua III was represented by attorney Harley Breite, Esq.

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(Photo: Samuel Rua III)