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Steven Berrios-Rivera Pleads Guilty to Indictment for the Death of David Alvarez

Rochester, NY- On Tuesday, March 15, 2022, 27-year-old Steven Berrios-Rivera pled guilty to the indictment charging him with Murder in the 2nd Degree for the shooting death of David Alvarez.

On October 31, 2020, Steven Berrios-Rivera shot David Alvarez thirteen times following a dispute after a motor vehicle accident in the City of Rochester. Before the altercation, the two were unknown to each other. David Alvarez was transported to Rochester General Hospital, via private vehicle, but was pronounced dead shortly after his arrival.

Following the homicide, Berrios-Rivera, a native of Pennsylvania, left New York State. Four months later, the defendant was identified by the Rochester Police Department and located in York, Pennsylvania. He was extradited back to Monroe County.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Monica O'Brien, Deputy Chief of the Local Courts Bureau.

"The Monroe County District Attorney's Office is pleased that Steven Berrios-Rivera pled guilty to the indictment and took responsibility for the death of David Alvarez," said Assistant District Attorney Monica O'Brien. "I want to thank the Rochester Police Department for their extensive investigation that led to the identification and apprehension of Steven Berrios-Rivera. With this guilty plea to the indictment, David Alvarez's family and friends can continue to heal and mourn their loved one."

"Steven Berrios-Rivera made a violent and unpredictable choice when he took the life of David Alvarez," said Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley. "What began as a confrontation following a motor-vehicle accident, turned deadly and resulted in a terrible murder. With his admission of guilt, Steven Berrios-Rivera may have the rest of his life to reflect on his horrendous actions that took David away from his friends and family."

Steven Berrios-Rivera is scheduled for sentencing on May 24, 2022, in front of Monroe County Court Judge Randall. He is expected to be sentenced to 18 years to Life in the New York State Department of Corrections.

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