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**Jose Vazquez Convicted of Manslaughter in the Second Degree as an
Accomplice for Causing Death of a Pedestrian**

Rochester, NY- On Tuesday, March 28th, 2017 a jury of his peers convicted 40-year-old Jose Vazquez of Manslaughter in the Second Degree as an accomplice, Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle 2nd Degree and two counts of Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle 3rd Degree.

The defendant was accused of recklessly causing the death of a pedestrian, Laureen Greczyn, as an accomplice on Saturday, September 3rd, 2016 at approximately 12:30 a.m. while operating a BMW motor vehicle southbound on Lake Avenue in the City of Rochester. The proof showed beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant, who had a suspended license, was traveling at excessive speeds upwards of 64 mph to 100 mph based on estimates by eyewitnesses and a collision reconstruction expert. Additional eyewitness testimony coupled with defendant's own admissions painted a picture that defendant had been racing with his friend, Jose Surrino, at the time of the explosive fatal crash between Surrino's Mercedes and Laureen Greczyn. Jose Vazquez is facing a maximum period of incarceration with the NYS Department of Corrections of 5 to 15 years as an indeterminate sentence.

The events occurred in a residential area on Lake Avenue in the City of Rochester with a posted speed limit of 35 mph and a stretch of roadway that had a curve in it immediately before the crash scene with no shoulders providing any area for recovery. There was also other pedestrian and vehicular traffic in the area at the time of the fatal crash. One other motor vehicle operated in the immediate vicinity of the initial pedestrian crash was rear-ended and totaled in a secondary crash with Surrino's vehicle.

The case was prosecuted by Raymond Benitez, Chief of the DWI Bureau.

“With a suspended license, Jose Vazquez made the choice to break the law on September 3rd when his reckless actions resulted in the death of Laureen Greczyn.” said Assistant District

Attorney Raymond Benitez. “It is our hope that after sentencing, Laureen’s family will feel justice was served for her senseless death.”

Jose Vasquez will be sentenced on June 15, 2017, in front of County Court Judge John DeMarco. The second defendant, Jose Surrino, goes to trial in May of 2017.

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