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### **MICHAEL GIACOMINO IS THIRD PERSON GUILTY OF MURDER IN 2017 STABBING DEATH OF BAYRON CRUZ-GARCIA OF ELGIN**

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A third person has been convicted of murder in the 2017 stabbing murder of Bayron Cruz-Garcia of Elgin.

34-year-old **Michael A. Giacomino** on Monday, July 13, 2020, pleaded guilty to the offense of first-degree murder.

Kane County Circuit Judge Donald M. Tegeler, Jr., accepted the plea and set Giacomino's next court appearance for 1:30 p.m. Sept. 24, 2020, for sentencing. Giacomino faces a sentence of between 20 and 60 years of imprisonment in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

Co-defendant **Carlos F. Lopez** recruited and paid co-defendants **Gabriel Lopez** and Giacomino to beat up Cruz-Garcia. Carlos Lopez believed that the victim was having an affair with his former girlfriend. At 1:10 a.m. Aug. 12, 2017, the three men drove to the victim's work place in Elgin, where they laid in wait for 58 minutes until the victim left the building. The trio each punched and kicked the victim multiple times with enough force to leave a shoeprint-shaped contusion on his forehead. During the attack, Carlos Lopez used a knife to stab and slash the victim 19 times. The defendants fled. Several minutes later Elgin police officers arrived and attempted to render aid to Mr. Cruz-Garcia, but due to the severity of his injuries, he died while an Elgin officer was performing CPR on him at the crime scene.

A Kane County jury in March 2020 found Carlos Lopez guilty of first-degree murder. He is serving a 39-year prison sentence. Gabriel Lopez in August 2019 pleaded guilty to first-degree murder and is serving a 25-year prison sentence.

Giacomino remains in custody at the Kane County jail.

#### **Kane County State's Attorney Joe McMahon said:**

"This has been a nearly 3-year ordeal for Bayron Cruz-Garcia's family, and I'm grateful for them that can finally feel some justice. Mr. Giacomino and his co-defendants stalked Bayron Cruz-Garcia before they committed a violent and cold-blooded murder. They all belong in prison. My thanks to Assistant State's Attorney

Joe Cullen for his hard work on the case, and to the Elgin Police Department for their investigation.”

**Michael A. Giacomino:** Age 34 (d.o.b. 6-8-1986), of the 800 block of Bode Road, Elgin, Illinois. Case No. 17CF1817.