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SECOND AURORA GANG MEMBER GUILTY OF FIRST-DEGREE MURDER IN JUNE 2017 SHOOTING DEATH OF RODOLFO ROCHA ANTHONY MEDINA ABOUT TO JOIN MARTIN GARCIA IN PRISON

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A Kane County jury has convicted 29-year-old **Anthony Medina** of the offenses of

- First-degree murder
- Armed violence, Class X felony
- Aggravated battery with a firearm, Class X felony
- Unlawful possession of a firearm by a street gang member, Class 2 felony

Additionally, the jury found that Medina personally discharged a gun that caused Rocha's death. The jurors deliberated for about 4 hours before reaching the verdict.

Kane County Assistant State's Attorneys Lori Anderson, David Belshan and Hillary Sadler presented evidence that during the morning of June 10, 2017, Rodolfo Rocha was outside a Grove Street home with friends and family when Medina and co-defendant **Martin Garcia, Jr.**, 27, approached them and told them to declare a gang affiliation. When they replied that they were not gang members, Medina and Garcia pulled out guns and shot Rocha, killing him. During the incident Medina shot Garcia in the abdomen, and struck Rocha's car. No one else was injured.

Garcia, in 2020, was sentenced to 75 years in prison after a jury convicted him of the felony offenses of first-degree murder, armed violence and unlawful possession of a firearm by a street gang member.

Kane County Judge David R. Kliment set Medina's next court appearance for 1:30 p.m. on April 14, 2022, in Courtroom 305 at the Kane County Judicial Center for motions and sentencing.

Medina remains in custody at the Kane County jail, where he had been held in lieu of \$3 million bail since his arrest. Judge Kliment revoked his bond upon conviction.

ASA Anderson said:

"I hope this verdict, as well as the guilty verdict against Mr. Garcia, provides the justice sought by Rodolfo Rocha's family and friends. Gang members who engage in senseless acts of violence will be prosecuted to the fullest and held accountable. My

thanks to ASAs Belshan and Sadler, and to the Aurora Police Department, particularly Detective Crista Rees and retired Detective Guillermo Trujillo, both of whom played a pivotal role in these convictions.”

Anthony C. Medina: Age 29 (d.o.b. 1-18-1993), of the 1100 block of Gates Street, Aurora, Illinois. Case No. 17CF1128.

Martin Garcia, Jr.: Age 27 (d.o.b. 5-23-1994), of the 600 block of North Root Street, Aurora, Illinois. Case No. 17CF1757.