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**Aurora Man Sentenced To 29 Years For Strangling
Girlfriend To Death**

*RE: **Getzuri Arellano**: 24 (d.o.b. 07-30-1999) Case No. 2020CF2301.*

St. Charles, Ill. - Kane County State's Attorney Jamie L. Mosser announces that Judge David Kliment has sentenced **Getzuri Arellano** to 29 years of imprisonment in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

On March 15, Judge Kliment found Getzuri Arellano guilty of the offense of first-degree murder, Class M felony, for the murder of Natalie Jimenez, who was his then 20-year-old girlfriend and mother of his 3-year-old child.

During the bench trial in front of Judge Kliment, which began on March 4, State's Attorney Mosser and Assistant State's Attorney Greg Sams presented evidence that in the early morning hours of December 9, 2020, the defendant secretly went through Natalie's cell phone while she slept and found entries which upset him and made him question her fidelity. The defendant confronted Natalie in the small bathroom of the couple's home on Indian Avenue in Aurora, where they verbally argued. At some point, the defendant grabbed Natalie with both hands around her throat and strangled her to death.

The forensic pathologist who performed the autopsy testified that Natalie's body had contusions on the outside of her neck, including bruises appearing to be consistent with fingers caused by pressure on her neck. Natalie's neck also exhibited fingernail abrasions, consistent with either the fingernails of the assailant who strangled her, or with Natalie's own fingers as she struggled to try and free herself. Natalie's face and eyes displayed a large amount of burst blood vessels, known as petechiae, caused by pressure on the veins of Natalie's neck which trapped blood in

her head, not allowing it to circulate back to her heart. That overload of pressure is what caused the burst blood vessels. The forensic pathologist also detailed internal injuries to Natalie's neck.

In accordance with Illinois law, Arellano must serve the full sentence. Arellano receives credit for 1,256 days served in the Kane County jail.

SA Mosser said: "This sentencing brings a measure of justice for Natalie Jimenez and her family, but it cannot undo the profound tragedy of her loss. Natalie was a young mother whose life was brutally ended by the very person who was supposed to love and protect her. Her death is a heartbreaking reminder of the devastating impact of domestic violence. Natalie will never get to see her son grow up, a future stolen from her by this senseless act.

"We extend our deepest condolences to Natalie's family, who have shown remarkable strength and resilience throughout this difficult process. Our gratitude also goes to the Aurora Police Department for their thorough investigation, and to the first responders and medical personnel who valiantly tried to save Natalie's life. This sentence ensures that Mr. Arellano is held accountable, and we hope it serves as a step toward healing for all who loved Natalie."

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