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District Man Sentenced to 14-Year Prison Term For Conspiring to Kidnap and Stab His Ex-Brother-in-Law

– Victim Abducted from his Home, Stabbed in Rock Creek Park, and Left to Die near Catholic University–

WASHINGTON - Demecio Lopez, 34, of Washington, D.C., was sentenced today to 14 years in prison on charges stemming from a violent assault on his former brother-in-law that took place in June 2010, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. announced.

Lopez was convicted in October 2010 by a jury in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia of charges of conspiracy, kidnapping while armed, aggravated assault while armed, mayhem while armed, assault with a dangerous weapon, and threatening to injure or kidnap. The same jury convicted his wife, Angela Guevara, 38, of threatening to injure or kidnap.

The Honorable Judge Craig Iscoe sentenced Lopez today. Last month, the judge sentenced Guevara to a 20-month prison term for her role in the case.

According to the government's evidence, on June 5, 2010, the victim argued over the phone with his ex-wife – Lopez's sister - who was in Guatemala. On June 6, 2010, Lopez, Guevara, and three other suspects conspired to kidnap and stab the victim. They kidnapped the victim at knifepoint from his home, drove him to Rock Creek Park, stabbed him at least six times in the torso, and dumped him in the 3800 block of Harewood Road NE.

The victim was discovered by a Good Samaritan, who called 911. At the hospital, the victim received several life-saving operations, including removal of his right kidney.

In announcing the sentence, U.S. Attorney Machen commended Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) Detectives Michael Johnson, Randall Parker, Charlie Bonilla, Anthony McGee, and Dwayne Corbett, as well as Officers Larry Hernandez, Kamau Greene, Fred Brown, Michael Weiss, Daren Brake, Jeffrey Phillips, Brian Gates, and Ana Casiano. U.S. Attorney Machen also expressed his appreciation to Paralegal Kristy Penny, Legal Assistant Nicole Lee, Victim Advocate Christina Principe, Information Technology Specialist Lief Hickling, Assistant

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U.S. Attorney Courtney Saleski, who investigated and tried the case, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Lauren Dickie, who handled the sentencing today.

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