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ROCHESTER MAN SENTENCED IN CONTRACT MURDER CASE

BUFFALO, N.Y. - U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Diego Correa-Castro, 23, of Rochester, New York, who was convicted of possession of a firearm used in a crime of violence, was sentenced to 20 years in prison and five years supervised release by Chief Judge William M. Skretny, U.S. District Court. Correa-Castro was also ordered to pay \$36,954.76 in restitution to the Crime Victims' Board and others as a result of the offense.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Thomas S. Duszkievicz, who handled the case, stated that on May 30, 2008, local law enforcement found Quincy Turner, 31, dead of multiple gunshot wounds in the Town of Ellicott, NY. Turner, a defendant charged with in own federal criminal case, had recently met with federal law enforcement officials as part of the plea negotiation process.

Subsequent investigation determined that Correa-Castro had aided and abetted other defendants in the murder of Turner. Specifically, Correa-Castro and other individuals traveled from Rochester to Jamestown on two occasions looking for Turner prior to Turner's murder.

"The significant sentence in this case – imposed upon someone who did not pull the trigger but who nevertheless assisted in finding the intended victim – sends a strong message that our Office will not tolerate such a brutal, violent crime," said U.S. Attorney Hochul. "All of us in federal law enforcement pledge to continue to work with our local and County law enforcement partners to bring the most dangerous members of society to justice."

As for the remaining defendants in the ongoing prosecution, Jose Martinez, Angel Luis Marcial, Juan DeJesus Santiago, Felix J. Vasquez and Carlos A. Jorge Canales were indicted in August 2010 for the murder of Quincy Turner. Santiago was convicted for his role in the murder in September 2011. Charges are still pending against the remaining

defendants. The fact that a defendant has been charged with a crime is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

The sentencing is the culmination of an investigation on the part of the Town of Ellicott Police Department, under the direction of Chief William L. Ohnmeiss, Jr., the Chautauqua County Sheriff's Department, under the direction of Sheriff Joseph Gerace, and Special Agents of the Drug Enforcement Administration