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Dayton Man Found Guilty for Killing Friend

State v. Epigmenio Miranda, 2014-CR-1273

DAYTON, OH (07/09/2015) – Prosecutor Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that 47-year-old **Epigmenio Miranda**, of Dayton, has been found guilty for the fatal knife wounding of 44-year-old Eligio Jose Hernandez.

On January 13, 2013, after a night of drinking, the victim and the defendant returned to the defendant's Seminary Street residence. An argument ensued and the defendant attacked the victim with a knife, causing several cuts. The defendant put the victim in his vehicle to take him to a hospital, but the victim bled to death while enroute. The defendant then dumped the body of the victim at Triangle Park in Dayton.

The next day, a woman walking her dog at the park discovered the body and notified police.

The defendant was found guilty as charged of one count Voluntary Manslaughter, a first degree felony, and one count of Tampering with Evidence, a third degree felony.

The defendant was sentenced to seven (7) years in prison and will not be eligible for judicial release, meaning he will serve the entire 7 years of incarceration. The defendant was also ordered to pay full restitution for funeral and extradition expenses.

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