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New York City Man Convicted in Douglas County After Bizarre Stabbing Incident

Bar fight ensued after girlfriend of Carlos Vega licked another woman's face.

Castle Rock, CO – A Douglas County jury has convicted 42-year-old Carlos Vega Jr. of New York City, on multiple charges related to a violent altercation at a local bar. The charges include Second-Degree Assault, and two counts of Menacing.

The incident occurred on July 11, 2021, at the Clock Tower Grill near Lone Tree. The altercation began when Vega's girlfriend unexpectedly licked the face of a stranger, Jessica Edwards. (Edwards recently appeared on the ABC television shows "The Bachelor" and "Bachelor in Paradise.") This bizarre act led to a confrontation involving Edward's boyfriend, Jordan Hyder.

After an exchange of words, Hyder punched Vega. In response Vega pulled out a knife and stabbed Hyder in the hand.

At the time of the incident, Vega had recently been released from prison in New York, where he served time for manslaughter.

Senior Deputy District Attorney Nate Marsh commended Deputy DA Sergio Renteria for his work on the case and emphasized that Vega's criminal history made this conviction especially significant. "Vega had just served time in New York City and obviously didn't

learn his lesson. He now has several years in prison to think about the consequences of his actions,” said Marsh.

District Attorney George Brauchler echoed that sentiment, stating: “Once again, a felon who is not from here brings his broken value system and low moral character to our County to hurt someone. Here, Vega celebrated his new freedom- after spending a decade incarcerated in the Big Apple for killing someone- by arming himself with a knife and attacking an innocent man in one of our local establishments. Vega has proven he cannot be trusted to be free without grave risk to anyone he is near. I hope his re-incarceration for a lengthy period of time provides some solace and closure for the victim. Also, what find of freak show girlfriend randomly licks a stranger in a bar?”

Vega will be sentenced November 12, 2025. He faces up to seven years in prison.

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