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New York City Man Sentenced to Prison After Bizarre Stabbing Incident in Douglas County

Castle Rock, CO – A Douglas County judge has sentenced 42-year-old Carlos Vega Jr. of New York City, to five years in the Colorado Department of Corrections following a violent altercation at a local bar. Vega was convicted of 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, and Vega.

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

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

During sentencing the court reviewed letters from Netflix producers, who had worked with Vega on a documentary, and wrote in support of leniency. Despite those requests, the judge imposed a prison sentence, citing Vega's violent criminal history.

Senior Deputy District Attorney Nate Marsh said the outcome delivers justice and

accountability. “Vega had just done 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.

Deputy District Attorney Sergio Renteria says the judge’s ruling sends a strong message to offenders in Douglas County. “Today’s sentencing brings a measure of justice to the victim,” said Renteria. “The defendant’s actions were deliberate and brutal, and the court’s sentence reflects the seriousness of the crime and the harm inflicted on our community.”

District Attorney George Brauchler commended the work of the jury and the sentence imposed by judge Victoria Klingensmith. “Another out-of-towner finds out the hard way that our jurisdiction is in the West, but it is not the Wild West. If you bring a knife to a lick fight you are going to prison. Either Vega will move past his excuses for criminal behavior and live a law-abiding life, or we will see him in court. And again, he will go to prison.”

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