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**FLINT MAN CONVICTED IN THE 2012 STRANGLING DEATH OF HIS GIRLFRIEND**

**FLINT** – A jury returned a guilty verdict this afternoon against a Flint man who strangled his girlfriend to death in 2012.

Jacob Morales Perez, 41 of Flint (d.o.b. 5-29-1972), was convicted of second degree murder in the August 13, 2012 death of his live-in girlfriend, Angela Vance. The two were at their home on Minnesota Avenue in the City of Flint when they got into an argument and Vance slapped Perez in the face knocking his glasses off his face. Perez then lunged at Vance and strangled her to death.

After strangling Vance, Perez went outside and drank a couple of beers before calling his brother on the phone. His brother then called their sister who went over to the residence with her boyfriend and after seeing Vance was dead they called 9-1-1.

Perez admitted to strangling Vance but claimed he lost it when she slapped him. The defense tried to argue the lesser offense of manslaughter claiming Perez strangled his girlfriend while in a state of anger caused by emotional excitement which resulted from him being slapped.

“This was a very tragic case that resulted from an individual lashing out in the most extreme way after becoming enraged when his girlfriend slapped him,” said Prosecutor Leyton. “Justice for Angela required that he be held accountable for his lethal actions.”

Perez had a prior felony conviction after pleading guilty in 2000 for carrying a concealed weapon and a misdemeanor conviction in 2011 for driving with a high bodily alcohol content. He faces up to life in prison on the second degree murder conviction when he is sentenced on February 18<sup>th</sup>.

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