

## ANTHONY PORRAS-GONZALEZ (20) SENTENCED TO 24 YEARS IMPRISONMENT FOR THE 2021 MURDER OF BRIYAN ALVARADO.

Twelfth Judicial District Attorney, Scot D. Key, announces on June 13, 2023, 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court Judge John Sugg sentenced Anthony Porras-Gonzalez to a max sentence of 24 years imprisonment for the 2021 murder of Briyan Alvarado.

District Attorney Scot Key added that 3 years of the 24-year sentence was for use of a firearm in the crime and his office continues to take a tough approach to any crimes that firearms are being used. Recently the Legislature has enacted tougher enhancements to crimes where a firearm is used or brandished.

On April 13, 2023, after a four (4) day jury trial, a Lincoln County jury found Anthony Porras-Gonzalez guilty of 2<sup>nd</sup> degree murder, shooting at or from a motor vehicle and two (2) counts of tampering with evidence before the Honorable John P. Sugg. The jury deliberated for approximately one (1) hour before delivering their guilty verdicts.

On March 10, 2021, the Ruidoso Police Department (RPD) received 911 phone calls regarding a shooting at Wingfield and Chase Drive. A caller stated a white car was observed leaving the area toward Chase Drive.

When RPD Officers arrived on scene they located a male subject, later identified as Briyan Alvarado (19) lying on the street with several gunshot wounds.

Through the investigation it was learned from witnesses and video surveillance footage from numerous locations, Briyan Alvarado was driving a motorcycle west bound on Wingfield, stopped at the stop sign at Chase and Wingfield, a white car pulled up next to him and five (5) shots were fired. After the shots were fired, Briyan was observed lying on the ground and the motorcycle was lying on top of him.

Through numerous search warrants in the Ruidoso and Lincoln County area and after interviewing multiple witnesses it was learned Anthony Porras-Gonzalez shot Briyan Alvarado a total of five (5) times resulting in his death.

The investigation revealed Porras-Gonzalez and Briyan Alvarado had a disagreement and hard feelings related to a post on social media made by Porras-Gonzalez.

This case was prosecuted by Twelfth Judicial District Attorney, Scot D. Key and was investigated by the 12th Judicial Major Crimes Unit which consists of Investigators from the Alamogordo Police Department, Ruidoso Police Department, Otero County Sheriffs Office, Lincoln County Sheriff's Office and the 12th Judicial District Attorney's Office.

