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# Buffalo man acquitted in fatal stabbing

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A Buffalo man was acquitted Monday by an Erie County Court jury of second-degree murder in an early morning fatal stabbing that occurred Aug. 22, 2018, in the 400 block of Seventh Street on Buffalo's West Side, according to his attorney.

Attorney Paul Dell said his client, 26-year-old Edwin Vazquez, of Buffalo, was cleared in the murder of 47-year-old Manuel Medina, who was stabbed multiple times and died from his injuries.

Vazquez, who relocated to Florida about two weeks after the incident, was not indicted until seven months after the fatal stabbing, Dell said.

"Two Buffalo police detectives flew down to Florida where they found him working down in Florida, and they interrogated him down there. They did not get any admission from him," Dell said of his client.

Vazquez was brought to Buffalo and arraigned in the first week of May. His trial commenced Nov. 18.

"As far as the trial, there were three supposed witnesses," who, Dell said, testified that Vazquez was the murderer.

"My argument to the jury was that all three were lying to protect the real perpetrator," Dell said.

A knife recovered from the scene of the fatal stabbing found no evidence of Vazquez's DNA on the weapon, Dell said.

Dell said Vazquez left the area because rumors were circulating that he stabbed Medina to death.

"My client's house was shot up because the story had gotten around that he did it. So he took his little family and went down to Florida," Dell said.

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