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MAYS LANDING – An Atlantic City man who entered a guilty plea in January, to manslaughter in connection with the New Year's Day 2008 stabbing death of an Egg Harbor Township man, was sentenced to five years in prison today, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel announced.

Marco Jimenies-Garcia, 21, must serve 85-percent of his prison term before being eligible for parole for killing Jose Edgardo Juarez. In addition upon release from prison, the defendant, an illegal immigrant from Mexico will be deported. During the Jan. 28, 2010 plea hearing the defendant admitted that he contributed in the fight that killed Juarez, according to Assistant Prosecutor Janet Gravitz, who represented the State.

Family and friends of the victim attended today's sentencing.

During the proceeding the victim's eldest son Edwin Juarez spoke on behalf of the family, which included the victim's wife, children, mother, brothers and sister. Edwin Juarez told Judge Garofolo that his father worked very hard to support his family and to save money for his children's college education. The victim's mother, Carmen Cayolt also addressed the court. Tearfully she told of the loss of her son.

The defendant also addressed the court and apologized to the victim's family for their loss.

At 6:39 a.m. the day of the slaying, police responded to a call at 709 Warrena Road in Atlantic City. Upon arrival they discovered Omar Rojano, of Cape May County, holding his brother Juarez. Both victims were bleeding profusely. They were taken to the AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center, City Campus. Juarez was pronounced dead at 7:19 a.m. from three stab wounds to the chest. Rojano sustained two stab wounds to the shoulder. He recovered. A butcher knife was recovered from a trashcan near the defendant's home in the 500 block of Trenton Avenue in Atlantic City. Later that day he was charged with killing Juarez. No one has been charged with stabbing Rojano, Prosecutor Housel stated.

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