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**Adam Alexander Torres found guilty by jury in Shooting death at Halo Lounge**

March 22, 2023 | Las Cruces, NM— Doña Ana County District Attorney Gerald M. Byers announced today that a Las Cruces jury found Adam Alexander Torres, 27, guilty in the 2<sup>st</sup> degree murder of Rogelio Baeza.

After deliberating for about 3 hours, the jury found Torres guilty of 2<sup>nd</sup> degree felony count of Murder, 2<sup>nd</sup> Aggravated Assault, a 2<sup>nd</sup> degree felony and Tampering with Evidence a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree felony in the shooting death of Rogelio Baeza.

On June 28, 2019, Las Cruces Police were dispatched to Halo Lounge, 2460 S. Locust about a report of shots fired. Upon arrival, officers found Baeza, dead from gunshot wound. Video surveillance from the camera at the Halo Lounge shows Baeza and a male friend Herrera sitting in white vehicle. Another vehicle drives into the parking lot, showing Torres exiting the vehicle, firing an automatic weapon at the car and at both Baeza and Herrera who were attempting to flee. It was estimated that thirty-one rounds were fired from Torres' gun.

During the investigation several text messages were recovered between the men indicating threatening behavior-and potential death threats. A witness was able to show investigators the gun used in this incident was located in a desert area 25 miles east of the shooting. Herrera survived the shooting and testified at the hearing.

A sentencing hearing will be scheduled for a later date. Torres faces a potential of up to 24 years in prison.

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Adam Alexander Torres - Photo courtesy of Dona Aña County Detention Center



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