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### **AURORA WOMAN GUILTY OF SOLICITING EX-BOYFRIEND'S MURDER**

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An Aurora woman has been convicted for soliciting the murder of her former boyfriend.

Maricela Argica, 27 (d.o.b. 5-10-1987), of the 1200 block of Coventry Park, Aurora, was convicted today by a Kane County jury of solicitation for murder for hire, and solicitation of murder, each a Class X felony.

On Sept. 22, 2010, Argica told an acquaintance that she wanted someone to kill her ex-boyfriend. The acquaintance shared that information with the Aurora Police Department. APD investigators facilitated a meeting on Sept. 26, 2010, between Argica and an undercover law-enforcement agent with the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. During the meeting, Argica told the agent that she wanted the victim shot to death, and paid him \$200. During the next several days, Argica and the agent had multiple telephone conversations during which they continued to discuss details of Argica's plan. Argica and the agent met again face to face on Oct. 4, 2010. During that meeting, the agent confirmed that Argica wanted the victim murdered, and Argica agreed to pay the agent an additional \$1,800 over the next two months.

After the meeting, Argica left and was immediately stopped and arrested by Aurora police. During her interview with police, Argica acknowledged that she tried to arrange for the ex-boyfriend to be murdered.

Circuit Judge Susan Clancy Boles set Argica's next court appearance for 1:30 p.m. Oct. 23, 2014, for motions and sentencing. Argica will be sentenced to between 20 and 60 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

Arciga remains in custody at the Kane County jail, where she had been held since her arrest in lieu of \$750,000 bail. Bond was revoked upon conviction.

"We appreciate that the jury saw through Miss Argica's claims of entrapment, as well as her claim that she didn't really intend to have the victim killed. Thanks to the Aurora Police Department and to ATF for their hard work on this case, and thanks to Kane County Assistant State's Attorneys Kelly Orland and Vincent Coyle, who prosecuted this case," Kane County State's Attorney Joe McMahon said.