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ALFREDO SOTO OF AURORA SENTENCED TO 60 YEARS IN PRISON FOR AUGUST 2016 MURDER

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Today, Kane County Circuit Judge Clint Hull sentenced 51-year-old **Alfredo Soto** to 60 years' imprisonment in the Illinois Department of Corrections for the Aug. 1, 2016, shooting death of 31-year-old Martiniano Alvarez of North Aurora.

Soto must serve the full sentence. He receives credit for 815 days served in the Kane County jail, where he has been held since his arrest.

A Kane County jury on Aug. 27, 2018, found Soto guilty of first-degree murder.

Kane County Assistant State's Attorneys Lori Anderson, David Belshan and Vincent Coyle presented evidence during the 5-day trial that the evening of Aug. 1, 2016, Soto and two other patrons were together at a bar in the 1300 block of Dearborn Avenue, Aurora. At some point Alvarez joined them and the group carried on what witnesses described as a normal conversation.

At about 6:40 p.m. Soto got up and walked toward the door, and then asked Alvarez to come with him. Soto pulled out a Beretta semi-automatic handgun, pointed it at Alvarez and fired four shots, one of them striking Alvarez in the left temple. No one else was injured. Soto immediately fled the scene driving a white pickup truck. Alvarez died later that day at an area hospital as a result of the gunshot wound.

The shooting was captured on surveillance video.

Pursuant to state law, the sentence is 35 years for the murder plus a mandatory enhancement of 25 years because Soto personally fired the gun.

"This sentence reflects the cold-blooded and unprovoked nature of this defendant's actions, and permanently removes a violent person from the community. Although nothing can change this defendant's actions that day, I hope Martiniano Alvarez's loved ones feel that this long prison sentence provides a sense of justice. Thanks to Assistant State's Attorneys Anderson, Belshan and Coyle, and to the Aurora Police Department for their excellent work in this case," Kane County State's Attorney Joe McMahon said.

Alfredo Soto: Age 51 (d.o.b. 10-13-1967), of the 700 block of Iowa Avenue, Aurora