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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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Janesville, WI – The Rock County District Attorney's Office announced that Sergio A. Morales, Jr., age 31, was found guilty after a three (3) day jury trial in Rock County Circuit Court Case 23CF1090 of Attempted First Degree Intentional Homicide, two (2) counts of First Degree Recklessly Endangering Safety, Fleeing an Officer, and Possession of a Firearm While Intoxicated. Morales fired twelve (12) shots at his fiancée at two (2) different locations, before leading officers on a fourteen (14) mile chase through Janesville at speeds as high as 124 mph. He also discarded two (2) firearms in a residential area that were collected by the Janesville Police Department before any further harm could befall the community.

The matter is scheduled for sentencing before the Honorable Barbara McCrory on January 31, 2025, at 10:00 am. The Defendant faces maximum sentences of sixty (60) years incarceration on the Attempted First Degree Intentional Homicide, twelve (12) years six (6) months on each count of First Degree Recklessly Endangering Safety, three (3) years six (6) months on Fleeing an Officer, and nine (9) months on Possession of a Firearm While Intoxicated.

We would like to acknowledge the efforts of the Janesville Police Department in conducting the investigation into Morales' activities and the bravery of the victim and witnesses for assisting in the investigation. We would also like to thank Mercy Hospital staff, the Wisconsin Crime Laboratory, and Wisconsin Laboratory of Hygiene for their fine work on this case.

Our office believes that the case highlights how, with the help of community members and law enforcement, the criminal justice system can address the issues of crimes of domestic violence and crimes of gun violence in our society. Assistants District Attorney Rich Sullivan and Alex Goulart prosecuted the case for the State of Wisconsin.

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