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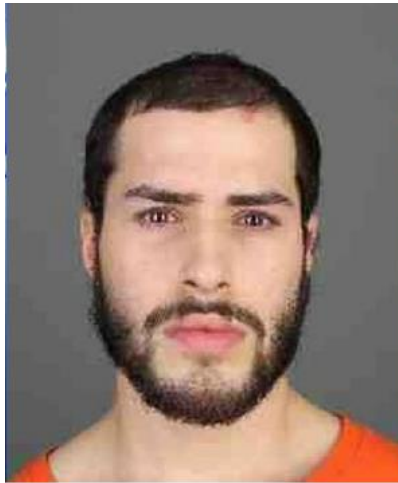
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## **Guilty Plea in June 2018 Lark Street Stabbing**



**ALBANY, NY-** District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that JOSEPH SANCHEZ, 25, of Albany, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Manslaughter in the Second Degree, a Class C Felony, before the Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court this morning.

On June 7, 2018, in the area of Madison Avenue and Lark Street in the City of Albany, SANCHEZ did recklessly cause the death of a person who was known to him. An investigation conducted by the Albany Police Department discovered that SANCHEZ was involved in a physical altercation with four other individuals outside of a local establishment near Lark Street

and Madison Avenue. During the altercation, SANCHEZ was armed with a knife. Four male victims sustained stab wounds and were transported to the hospital to be treated for their injuries. One of the four victims, Elijah Smith, sustained serious injuries to his abdomen and remained in critical condition at the hospital. The victim died as a result of the injuries.

SANCHEZ faces 3 to 9 years in State Prison when sentenced on September 27, 2018.

Assistant District Attorney Joseph Brucato of the Major Offense Unit is prosecuting this case.

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