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Murder Conviction in Multiple Shooting Case

(Houston, TX) -- A murder conviction was obtained Thursday against Esteban G. Garza in a 2006 shooting that also wounded a woman and her son at an east Houston cafe, Harris County District Attorney Kenneth Magidson announced.

Garza, a 52-year-old Port of Houston worker, was convicted of killing Fernando Gutierrez, 43. He also faces two charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Witnesses testified that on the morning of April 23, 2006, an argument escalated into a fight involving Garza, Gutierrez and others inside the café in the 7700 block of Harrisburg. Garza was pushed through an exterior glass door. After the fight ended, he drew a handgun and fired several shots, striking the three victims.

Assistant District Attorney Justin Wood headed the prosecution of the case. Jurors returned the verdict in the 338th District Court of Judge Brock Thomas.

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