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Cheektowaga man pleads guilty to killing girlfriend



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A Cheektowaga man has pleaded guilty to strangling his girlfriend during the early morning hours of Jan. 19 while inside his apartment on Ivanhoe Road, the Erie County District Attorney's Office said Monday.



Sonny Martinez, 26, pleaded guilty before Erie County Court Judge James Bargnesi to one count of second-degree manslaughter as a sexually motivated felony, said District Attorney John J. Flynn. (<https://buffalonews.com/>)

Martinez, who continues to be held without bail, faces a maximum of 15 years in prison for the death of Brittney Balbuzoski when he is sentenced on Aug. 28, the district attorney said.

Flynn also commended the investigation by Detectives Terrence Griffin and Chris Chojnacki of the Cheektowaga Police Department.



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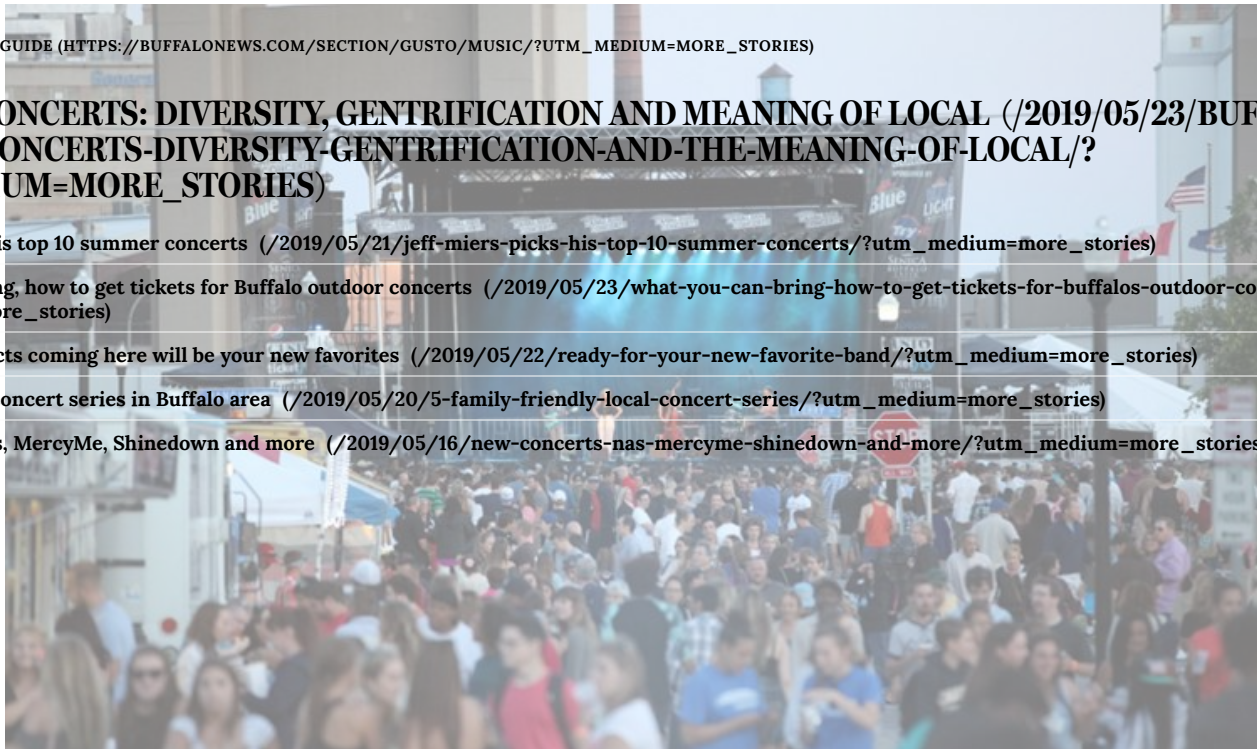
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