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Michael Lopez Found Guilty as Charged in Homicide of Melvindale Cpl. Mohamed Said

On July 25, 2024, Prosecutor Kym Worthy charged Michael Lopez, 44, of Southfield, in connection with the homicide of Melvindale Corporal Mohamed Said, 26, when he was on duty. He was arraigned and remanded to jail on the same day.

On July 21, 2024, at approximately 12:34 p.m., at a car wash located near the intersection of Oakwood Boulevard and Clarann Street in Melvindale, Cpl. Said conducted a traffic stop on the defendant. During the traffic stop, it is alleged that Defendant Lopez fled from the scene on foot. During the foot chase, it is further alleged that Defendant Lopez produced and fired a handgun, fatally wounding Cpl. Said. Investigation by the Michigan State Police Emergency Support Team led to the arrest of the defendant on July 22, 2024.

Today, Michael Lopez was found guilty as charged on all counts by a jury. He will be sentenced on the following charges: Murder of a Police Officer (Life in Prison); Felon in Possession of a Firearm (5 years); Felon in Possession of Ammunition (5 years); Carrying a Concealed Weapon (5 years); Possession of a Controlled Substance-Methamphetamine/Ecstasy (10 years); Possession of a Controlled Substance under 25 grams (4 years); Carrying a Dangerous Weapon with Unlawful Intent (5 years); and five counts of Felony Firearm (2 years consecutively).

"Policing is one of the most dangerous jobs on the planet. The alleged facts in this case will show that this defendant callously gunned down and killed 26-year-old Officer Mohamed Said, who was just doing his job and had just begun his career in law enforcement. Tragic does not even begin to describe what happened here," said Prosecutor Kym Worthy.

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The case was prosecuted by Assistant Prosecutors Rana Hadied and Max Baisel. His sentencing is scheduled for May 18, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., before Judge Bridget Hathaway.

Please request a photograph of the defendant from the Michigan State Police.

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