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## Man Sentenced to Prison for Walk-Up Shooting in Pico Rivera

A 32-year-old man was sentenced today to 80 years to life in state prison for fatally shooting a woman in front of her Pico Rivera home in 2013, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

On Feb. 23, a jury found Richard Pallan guilty of first-degree murder in case VA136537. Jurors also found true a special allegation that the defendant personally and intentionally discharged a handgun, which caused great bodily injury and death to the victim.

Pallan's co-defendant, Cecilia Gallegos, 30, pleaded no contest to being an accessory after the fact on Feb. 1, 2016. She is scheduled to be sentenced on May 23.

Deputy District Attorney John Chang, who prosecuted the case, said on June 26, 2013, Gallegos drove Pallan to Jessica Gomez's home located in the 9400 block of Underwood Street in Pico Rivera.

Pallan exited the car and shot the victim as she was standing in front of her residence, according to the prosecutor.

After the shooting, Pallan returned to the car and Gallegos drove them away, the prosecutor said.

Neighbors heard the shooting and called 911 for help. Gomez, 27, was taken to the hospital for medical treatment but died from her injuries, the prosecutor added.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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