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## Manhattan Beach Man Sentenced for 2003 Domestic Violence Murder of Wife

A Manhattan Beach man who shot himself in the face after killing his wife and survived was sentenced today to 50 years to life in state prison, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Maren Dermody said Bill Lawrence Gallup, 68, was found guilty on April 6 of first-degree murder with the use of a handgun in case YA055822.

According to the evidence presented at the jury trial, on July 3, 2003, Oliva Gallup, 50, arrived at her house after doing some errands to find that the defendant was playing music loudly. The victim went to her husband to ask him to turn the music down and then an argument began, the prosecutor said.

The argument ended with the defendant shooting his wife three times, killing her. He then shot himself twice in the head, the prosecutor added. Testimony at the trial revealed that the victim was first injured by debris caused by the first shot fired by the defendant. The victim was then shot in the chest and after she fell to her knees, her husband shot her execution style, according to the evidence presented at trial.

The case was investigated by the Manhattan Beach Police Department.

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