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**Woman Sentenced to Prison for  
Fatally Shooting Husband in 2007**

A 57-year-old woman was sentenced today to 40 years to life in state prison for killing her husband in Whittier nearly eight years ago, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

On Jan. 23, a jury found Linda Doreen Gwozdz guilty of second-degree murder in case VA124916. Jurors also found true a special allegation that the defendant personally and intentionally discharged a firearm, causing great bodily injury and death.

Deputy District Attorney Robert Villa, who prosecuted the case, said Gwozdz fatally shot her husband, Patrick Albert Duffey, 50, on Apr. 26, 2007.

At the time of the shooting, the defendant claimed the incident was an accident and that she was playing with a gun when it went off.

The case was filed May 18, 2012, following a four-year investigation that included an extensive examination of Gwozdz's version of events, the prosecutor said.

While officials continued to investigate the case, the defendant moved to Mississippi and remarried, the prosecutor added.

Authorities extradited Gwozdz to stand trial shortly after the case was filed.

At the murder trial, coroner's officials testified that Duffey died from two gunshot wounds to the head, the prosecutor said.

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

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