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## Man Convicted of Stalking, Killing Wife in 2008

A 36-year-old man was convicted yesterday of fatally shooting his wife at her workplace in 2008, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

The jury deliberated for two hours before finding Carlos Guadalupe Reyes (dob 1/23/79) guilty of three felony counts: first-degree murder, stalking and second-degree robbery in case TA108332. Jurors also found true a special allegation that the defendant personally and intentionally discharged a firearm, which caused great bodily injury and death.

Reyes is scheduled to be sentenced July 10 in Department 4 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Compton Branch. The defendant faces a possible maximum sentence of 54 years to life in state prison.

Deputy District Attorneys Adrian Roxas and Marlene Martinez, who co-prosecuted the case, said at the time of the crime Carlos Reyes and his wife, Veronica Reyes, had been in a relationship for 14 years, married for nine years and had four children together.

Following a history of domestic violence with her husband, Veronica Reyes, 30, filed for divorce several weeks prior to the shooting, prosecutors said.

On Sept. 11, 2008, the defendant showed up at the victim's workplace in Carson and smashed the windows of her car. Additionally, on Oct. 6, 2008, Carlos Reyes returned to the victim's work and demanded that she hand over her cellphone but she refused. As a result, the defendant took her cellphone and purse and left the area, prosecutors added.

Two days later, on Oct. 8, 2008, Veronica Reyes drove into her workplace parking lot when the defendant appeared and shot her several times at close range, prosecutors said. Carlos Reyes then fled the scene while Veronica Reyes died a short time later.

Several hours after the shooting, the defendant attempted to drive into Mexico when his vehicle was pulled over at the border for inspection. During the check, an officer discovered the murder weapon, a Glock handgun, in the car and Carlos Reyes was taken into custody, prosecutors said.

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

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