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**Man Sentenced for Domestic Violence
Fatal Stabbing in Palmdale**

A Palmdale man was sentenced today to 88 years to life in state prison for the murder of his 49-year-old girlfriend, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Jose Martinez, 39, was found guilty on May 3 of one count of first-degree murder. The jury also found true an allegation that he used a knife during the killing.

The case was co-prosecuted by Deputy District Attorneys Scott Yang and Eric Neff.

On Sept. 20, 2014, Magda Bermudez was found dead inside her bedroom by her mother. Martinez had stabbed the victim 98 times before leaving the house with her vehicle, prosecutors said.

Case MA064358 was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Palmdale Station.

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