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Sherman Oaks Man Sentenced for Fatally Stabbing Wife

A Sherman Oaks man was sentenced today for fatally stabbing his wife in a domestic violence attack in 2017, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Aurelio Terán, 40, was sentenced to 29 years to life in state prison by Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Martin L. Herscovitz.

A jury convicted Terán on April 10 of one count each of first-degree murder, injuring a spouse and criminal threats and two counts of attempting to dissuade a witness from testifying, all felonies. Jurors also found true allegations that a knife was used in the killing.

Deputy District Attorney Michele Pincus prosecuted case LA086708.

On Aug. 26, 2017, Terán assaulted his wife, Viridiana Terán, 32, and threatened her. The following day, the defendant stabbed the woman to death in front of their son who was 12 years old at the time, according to evidence presented at the trial.

Terán then fled to Ventura County where he was arrested days later after being struck by a car.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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