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**South Gate Man Charged with  
Domestic Violence Murder of Girlfriend**

A 40-year-old man accused of killing his girlfriend after a July 4 gathering pleaded not guilty yesterday, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Oscar Rodriguez Jr. (dob 5/5/76) of South Gate was charged on Wednesday with one count of murder in case VA142311.

The defendant is currently in custody on \$2 million bail.

Prosecutors said in the early morning of July 4 authorities received a 911 call regarding an unresponsive woman in the 5200 block of Brookdale Road in South Gate.

When paramedics arrived at the scene, they performed CPR on Nancy Molina, who was identified as Rodriguez's girlfriend, prosecutors said.

Molina was taken to a local hospital where medical officials identified multiple traumatic injuries on the victim.

Molina, 33, ultimately succumbed to her injuries and was pronounced dead, prosecutors said.

Later that day, law enforcement questioned Rodriguez about the incident and he was subsequently arrested in connection with Molina's death, according to prosecutors.

If convicted as charged, the defendant faces a maximum possible sentence of 25 years to life in state prison.

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

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