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West Covina Man Sentenced for Wife's Murder

A West Covina man convicted of killing his wife was sentenced today to 25 years to life in state prison, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Last month, Tomas Rodriguez Infante, 62, was found guilty by a jury in the first-degree murder of Charito Tolentino, 57.

At the sentencing, Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Mike Camacho also ordered Infante to pay restitution to the victim's sister for funeral costs in the amount of \$11,716.43. Additionally, the defendant was ordered to pay \$5,000 to the Victim Assistance Program.

Deputy District Attorney Miriam Avalos, who prosecuted the case, said at the time of the killing, Infante was having an affair. When Infante's girlfriend learned he was married, she broke up with him, Avalos said.

A day after the breakup, Tolentino went missing. Two days later, on Jan. 13, 2013, her car was discovered in the parking lot of the Hawaiian Gardens Casino. Law enforcement found her body in the trunk of the car. She had been stabbed and beaten to death.

During the trial, the defendant's son testified that his father told him he had killed Tolentino. Additionally, surveillance video at the casino, cell phone records and blood evidence at the home linked Infante to the crime.

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

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](#) prosecuted more than 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.