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Man Sentenced to Prison for Fatally Shooting Estranged Wife

A 36-year-old man was sentenced today to 54 years to life in state prison after he was convicted of killing his estranged wife at her work in 2008, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

On April 29, a jury found 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.

Deputy District Attorneys Adrian Roxas and Marlene Martinez, who co-prosecuted the case, said Carlos Reyes and victim Veronica Reyes had been married for nine years and had four children together. Due to a history of domestic violence in their relationship, Veronica Reyes, 30, filed for divorce from the defendant, prosecutors said.

Several weeks after the divorce filing, on Sept. 11, 2008, the defendant went to the victim's work in Carson and smashed the windows of her vehicle.

On Oct. 6, 2008, the defendant returned to the victim's workplace and demanded to see her cellphone before grabbing her purse and fleeing the area, prosecutors said.

Two days later, Veronica Reyes drove into her workplace and parked her car when the defendant pulled up next to her, emerged from his car and shot her several times at close range, prosecutors said.

Following the shooting, the defendant fled toward Mexico, prosecutors said. Later that day, authorities apprehended Carlos Reyes at the San Ysidro border as he tried to enter Mexico.

When law enforcement inspected the defendant's vehicle, they discovered the murder weapon, a Glock handgun, hidden behind a stereo, prosecutors added.

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

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