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## **Sylmar Man Charged with Killing Wife of 25 Years**

A Sylmar man has been charged with murder for the shooting death of his wife of 25 years at their home, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Albino Topete Morales (dob 5/20/55) faces one count of murder with the allegation that he used a handgun in case PA081563.

Arrest was scheduled for this morning but was continued to Sept. 11 in Department 130 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, San Fernando Branch.

Morales is accused of shooting his wife to death on Aug. 11 at their home on the 14000 block of Herron Street.

Prosecutors are recommending that the defendant's bail be set at \$2 million. If convicted as charged, Cruz faces a maximum possible sentence of 50 years to life in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department, Mission Division.

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