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Man Convicted in Estranged Wife's Fatal Stabbing

Following a day of deliberations, jurors today convicted a man accused of fatally stabbing his estranged wife, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney David Ayvazian of the Alhambra Branch Office said Sherman Dion Dorsey, 42, of Los Angeles, was convicted of one count of second-degree murder for the Aug. 3, 2011, killing of Gina Reano, 45. Jurors found true an allegation that Dorsey personally used a knife in the murder.

Dorsey also was convicted of one count of attempted voluntary manslaughter with allegations of great bodily injury and use of a deadly and dangerous weapon found true.

Judge Stan Blumenfeld said the defendant will be sentenced on Oct. 1 in Department T of Los Angeles County Superior Court, Alhambra Branch. He faces a maximum sentence of 24 years to life in state prison.

Gina was staying with her sister at their family home in unincorporated San Gabriel at the time of the murder. Dorsey went to the home with the pretext of delivering mail to his estranged wife.

Several hours into the defendant's visit, Gina's younger sister heard the couple arguing in an upstairs bedroom. Upon entering the room, she saw Gina bloodied and crying.

Dorsey proceeded to attack the younger sister, first attempting to strangle her and then slashing her with a broken wine glass. Gina tried to help but the defendant managed to injure the sister.

Ultimately, Gina was stabbed 13 times in the chest, neck and upper back. She was pronounced dead at the scene. Her younger sister survived the attack.

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

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