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Sherman Oaks Man Charged with Fatal Stabbing of Wife

A 38-year-old man is scheduled in court today facing a murder charge for the domestic violence killing of his wife last month, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Aurelio Terán (dob 9/25/78) of Sherman Oaks faces one count each of murder, dissuading a witness from testifying, child abuse, injuring a spouse and attempting to dissuade a witness from testifying and two counts of criminal threats.

Arraignment is scheduled today in Department 100 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Van Nuys Branch. Case LA086708 was filed for warrant on Aug. 30.

On Aug. 25, Terán is charged with assaulting his wife, Viridiana T., 32, and threatening her, prosecutors said. The following day, the defendant allegedly stabbed the woman to death, prosecutors added.

Terán then fled to Ventura County where he was arrested days later after being struck by a car, prosecutors said.

Deputy District Attorney Michele Pincus is the assigned prosecutor.

If convicted as charged, the defendant faces a possible maximum sentence of 25 years to life in state prison. Bail is set at \$2.47 million.

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

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