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Man Sentenced for 1980 Murder of Woman Found on Palos Verdes Estates Beach

A San Pedro man was sentenced today to 15 years to life in state prison for killing a 20-year-old woman whose body was found on Malaga Cove Beach in 1980, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Robert Yniguez (dob 12/5/51) pleaded no contest on Sept. 30 to one count of second-degree murder.

Deputy District Attorneys Allyson Ostrowski and David Zygielbaum prosecuted the case.

On March 4, 1980, a surfer discovered the body of 20-year-old Teresa Broudreux on the beach in Palos Verdes Estates. She was naked, only wearing socks, and was bleeding from her head. Broudreux died from blunt force trauma and was pregnant, the prosecutors said.

In 2017, DNA evidence found on the victim's body linked Yniguez to the murder. He was arrested on Sept. 28, 2017.

Case YA099969 was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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