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**Inglewood Man Charged with Domestic Violence Murder  
of Wife in Front of Their Children**

An Inglewood man was charged today with fatally shooting his wife of approximately 13 years in front of their children, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Andy Steve Valdez aka Andy Valadez (dob 6/5/81) faces one count each of murder, criminal threats and child abuse.

Case YA093307 includes allegations that the defendant personally used a firearm in the commission of the three counts.

Arraignment for Valdez is scheduled today in Department 5 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Inglewood Branch.

The defendant is accused of shooting Sandra Valdez, 32, in the head at their home located in the back of her family's house on Nov. 11, prosecutors said. The victim's 63-year-old aunt ran into the residence when she allegedly heard the shooting, saw the victim and the children including their 11-month-old son, and struggled over the gun with the defendant as he threatened them, prosecutors added.

Prosecutors are seeking bail in the amount of \$2.15 million.

If convicted as charged, Valdez faces a possible maximum sentence of 68 years to life in state prison.

Deputy District Attorney Hyunah Suh is the assigned prosecutor.

The Inglewood Police Department is investigating the case.

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