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El Monte Man Extradited from Mexico for Charges of Killing Wife, Unborn Child

An El Monte man has been returned to Los Angeles to face charges of murdering his pregnant wife in 2018, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Octavio Curiel Martinez (dob 4/20/82) faces one count each of murder, murder of a human fetus, attempted murder, shooting at an inhabited structure and assault by means of force likely to produce great bodily injury as well as two counts each of assault with a firearm, injuring a spouse and child abuse.

Martinez also is charged with three misdemeanor counts of cruelty to a child by endangering health, faces a special circumstance allegation of multiple murders and allegations of using a handgun.

The defendant is scheduled to be arraigned today in Department F of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Pomona Branch. Case KA118996 was filed for warrant and extradition on Sept. 5, 2018.

Martinez reportedly shot Ana Nuñez, 37, at her El Monte home on Aug. 29, 2018. Nuñez and her unborn fetus both died as a result, prosecutors said. The defendant then allegedly drove to his parent's El Monte house and shot at his father and mother while two children were inside the residence, prosecutors added. None of those victims were injured.

The defendant fled the country after the killings. Martinez was arrested in Mexico on June 8, 2019, and extradited to Los Angeles on January 3.

If convicted as charged, the defendant faces a possible maximum sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Deputy District Attorney Babette Huley of the Victim Impact Program is the assigned prosecutor.

The case remains under investigation by the El Monte Police and Los Angeles County Sheriff's departments.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.