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## Walnut Woman Found Guilty of Killing Estranged Husband

A Walnut woman was found guilty today of stabbing her estranged husband and the family dog to death, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Deputy District Attorney Taraneh Saba said the jury found Socorro Mora (dob 12/25/67) guilty of murder, cruelty to an animal and corporal injury to spouse.

The trial for case KA095882 lasted 16 days, including jury deliberations. Sentencing has been scheduled for June 24 in Department L of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Pomona Branch. Mora faces more than 20 years to life in state prison.

On Sep. 13, 2011 Mora physically attacked her husband, George Mora, 47, and then scratched herself claiming he did it. Following that incident he was able to obtain a restraining order against her and was granted custody of their four children. She was also ordered to move out of the family home, according to court testimony.

The day she moved out and the family moved back into the house they found the family dog stabbed to death and the home ransacked. On Oct. 19, 2011, Mora returned to her husband's house and broke in. When he returned home a knife struggle ensued and she stabbed him 33 times. Three different knives were involved in the deadly attack, the prosecutor said.

During the trial, the prosecutor was able to demonstrate through forensic evidence that the 22 stab wounds found on the defendant after the incident were self-inflicted. Mora claimed that the injuries, two of which were life threatening, were in self-defense, the prosecutor added.

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

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