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Sherman Oaks Man Found Guilty of Fatal Stabbing of Wife

A 40-year-old man has been found guilty of the domestic violence killing of his wife in 2017, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

A jury deliberated for 45 minutes late yesterday before finding Aurelio Terán of Sherman Oaks guilty of one count each of first-degree murder, criminal threats, injuring a spouse and dissuading a witness from reporting a crime.

Deputy District Attorney Michele Pincus said the jury also found true allegations that a knife was used in the killing.

Sentencing is scheduled for April 30 in Department R of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Van Nuys Branch. The defendant faces more than 29 years to life in state prison.

On the evening of Aug. 26, 2017, Terán assaulted his wife, Viridiana Terán, 32, and threatened her, the prosecutor said. The next morning, the defendant stabbed the woman to death in front of their son who was 12 years old at the time, according to evidence presented at the trial.

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

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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