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South Gate Man Sentenced to Prison for Domestic Violence Murder of Girlfriend

A 42-year-old man was sentenced today to 25 years to life in state prison for killing his girlfriend nearly two years ago, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

On May 21, the jury deliberated for less than three hours before finding Oscar Rodriguez Jr. of South Gate guilty of first-degree murder in case VA142311.

Deputy District Attorney Araceli Otero of the Victim Impact Program, who prosecuted the case, said in the early morning of July 4, 2016, authorities received a 911 call regarding an unresponsive woman in the 5200 block of Brookdale Road in South Gate.

When paramedics arrived at the scene, they performed CPR on Nancy Molina, who was identified as Rodriguez's girlfriend, the prosecutor said.

Molina was taken to a local hospital where medical officials identified multiple traumatic injuries. Molina, 33, ultimately succumbed to her injuries and was pronounced dead, the prosecutor added.

Later that day, law enforcement questioned Rodriguez about the incident and he was subsequently arrested in connection with Molina's death.

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

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