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Jury Convicts Thousand Oaks Man of Murdering His Wife

VENTURA, California – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that a jury found Tim Gautier (DOB 06/21/65), of Thousand Oaks, guilty of first-degree murder in his wife’s death. The jury also found that Gautier used a gun to cause her death.

On January 11, 2021, at approximately 6:48 a.m., Gautier and his wife engaged in a verbal argument in the home they shared in Thousand Oaks. Gautier turned the argument physical and ultimately retrieved his gun during the dispute. Gautier fired two shots from across the living room, killing his wife as she was facing out the open front door of their home.

The Ventura County Sheriff’s Office and the Southern California High Tech Task Force conducted a thorough investigation and located a surveillance camera inside the residence that captured the audio of the murder. The surveillance also captured Gautier verbally abusing his wife in the week leading up to the murder. Gautier was arrested minutes after the murder and deputies located the gun inside the residence.

Gautier is scheduled to be sentenced on November 9, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. in courtroom 46 of the Ventura County Superior Court. He faces a maximum possible sentence of 50 years to life in prison.

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