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## Jury Convicts Santa Paula Man for 1993 Double Murder

VENTURA, Calif. - District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Everardo Meza Alamillo (DOB 08/24/69), of Santa Paula, was convicted by a Ventura County jury of two first-degree murder counts for the 1993 murders of his estranged wife, Adriana Meza, and her boyfriend, Armando Cauch Jr. The jury also found true the special allegations that Alamillo personally used a firearm and committed multiple murders.

On October 13, 1993, Alamillo went to visit his daughter at Ms. Meza's home in Santa Paula. Ms. Meza allowed the visit because she wanted Alamillo to be a part of their daughter's life. Alamillo left and returned later that evening, parked his vehicle nearby, and waited with a loaded .22-caliber rifle. Alamillo eventually entered the home through a back door and walked into Ms. Meza's bedroom. Alamillo shot her three times and Mr. Cauch Jr. twice while they lay in bed. Alamillo's 2-year-old daughter was asleep between the two victims when they were killed.

Immediately after the murders, Alamillo fled the country. He was indicted in 1994 on two counts of murder but would not be arrested until November 2015, after being located in Mexico. The Ventura County District Attorney's Office, Bureau of Investigation worked closely with the FBI to bring Alamillo back to Ventura County to stand trial. Alamillo was extradited to the United States in July 2016 to stand trial.

Senior Deputy District Attorney John Barrick, a member of the Ventura County District Attorney's Office Major Crimes Homicide Unit, was the prosecutor assigned to the case.

"I am so happy for Adriana's and Armando's families," Barrick said. "For almost 30 years, they have lived with the pain and burden of knowing that the man who murdered their loved ones had eluded justice. That all ended today. I hope the jury's guilty verdicts can bring these strong, amazing families some small measure of peace."

Alamillo is scheduled to be sentenced on June 16, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. in courtroom 47 in Ventura County Superior Court.

**Case: CR34740**

**Defendant Information:**

Everardo Meza Alamillo (08/24/69)

Santa Paula

**Convicted of:**

- PC 187(a) - Murder (2 counts)

**Special Allegations Found True:**

- PC 12022.5(a)(1) - Use of a firearm
- PC 190.2(a)(3) - Commission of more than one murder

