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Jury Convicts Oxnard Man of Felony Gun Charges

VENTURA, Calif. – Today Jaime Villarreal (DOB 08/21/76), of Oxnard, was convicted by a Ventura County jury of being a felon in possession of a firearm, felon in possession of ammunition, and possession of a short-barreled shotgun. The jury found Villarreal not guilty of murder or voluntary manslaughter in the death of Raymond Delval.

On August 30, 2019, Villarreal shot Delval with a sawed-off shotgun inside of a home on Berkshire Street in Oxnard. Villarreal, his sister and other family members all lived at the home, along with the victim, who was dating Villarreal's sister. Prior to the shooting that night, Oxnard Police responded to a call for service at the home regarding a domestic disturbance between the victim and other residents within the home, including Villarreal.

Delval left the home before officers arrived, but was contacted by officers a few blocks away. Officers released Delval from their contact and left the scene, as there was no crime. About 15 minutes later, officers were again dispatched to the home on Berkshire Street. Delval had returned to the Berkshire Street home and, shortly after entering the residence, was shot by Villarreal. Villarreal shot Delval in the chest with a sawed-off shotgun and Delval died at the scene.

Senior Deputy District Attorney Anne Spillner prosecuted the case.

“Although we are disappointed with the decision, we respect the process and the jury’s verdict,” said Spillner. “We felt strongly that every victim deserves justice; ultimately, the jury decided the defendant was acting in self-defense.”

Villarreal is scheduled to be sentenced on July 6, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in courtroom 47 of the Ventura County Superior Court.