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Santa Barbara County Man Sentenced to 29 Years to Life for Oxnard Murder

VENTURA, Calif. – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Manuel Dominguez (DOB 02/28/99), of Santa Maria, was sentenced on November 6, 2024, to 29 years to life in prison for the first-degree murder of Robert Gutierrez. Dominguez previously pled guilty on August 20, 2024, to one count of murder and admitted to the special allegation that he used a firearm.

On December 13, 2018, Dominguez returned to an Oxnard neighborhood where he previously lived. He knocked on the window of a prior neighbor. Mr. Gutierrez answered, and a verbal confrontation ensued. When Mr. Gutierrez exited the home unarmed, Dominguez shot him one time in the chest from approximately 30 feet away. Mr. Gutierrez was transported to Ventura County Medical Center where he died from his injuries. Dominguez was arrested for the murder on January 2, 2019, following an investigation by the Oxnard Police Department.

Senior Deputy District Attorney Cynthia Nguyen, a member of the Ventura County District Attorney's Office Major Crime Homicide Unit, prosecuted the case.

"This sentence reflects the gravity of a senseless act that claimed an innocent life," Ms. Nguyen said. "We hope this outcome brings a measure of closure to the victim's family and loved ones."

Case: 2019000175

Defendant Information:

Manuel Dominguez (DOB 02/28/1999)
Santa Maria

Charges Pled Guilty to:

- PC 187(a) – Murder

Special Allegation

- PC 12022.5(a)(1) – Use of firearm

