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Man Extradited to States After Two Decades Has Been Convicted of Double Murder
People v. Gustavo Ubaldo Soria: Kern County Superior Court Case BF107913A

(Bakersfield) – Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a significant murder conviction. On November 22, 2023, Gustavo Soria plead to two counts of First-Degree Murder and admitted in both instances that he personally used a firearm to commit both murders.

Gustavo Soria had escaped apprehension and extradition for nearly twenty years since the murder of his estranged wife, Pamela Soria, and Jose DeLaGarza, Jr. Gustavo Soria was angry that his estranged wife and Mr. DeLaGarza, Jr. were in a relationship and were planning to move in together. In the morning hours of September 23, 2004, Gustavo Soria drove his vehicle to the home of Mr. DeLaGarza, Jr. and shot him numerous times, killing him. Mr. DeLaGarza, Jr. was unarmed and seated in his truck at the time of the killing. Gustavo Soria then drove to the home of his estranged wife, Pamela Soria. He entered the home and followed Pamela Soria as she fled to her bedroom, shooting her several times, killing her. The murder was witnessed by the couple's fourteen-year-old daughter. Gustavo Soria then left the residence, abandoning his vehicle and entering a rental vehicle he had obtained the previous evening.

Gustavo Soria fled to Mexico in the rental vehicle that same day to escape apprehension for the murders. He remained in Mexico where he lived until the Federal Bureau of Investigation located Gustavo Soria and conducted the operation to extradite him back to the United States April of 2023 to face the murder charges in Kern County.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented; "I am grateful for law enforcement's extensive efforts to apprehend a dangerous fugitive that escaped accountability nearly two decades ago. Today, justice prevails."

Sentencing is set for January 9, 2023, before the honorable Bradley King in Department 1 the Kern County Superior Court. Gustavo Soria faces a sentence of 100 years to life in prison.

Gustavo Soria:

