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Re: Murder Trial Conviction: People v. Joseline Rodriguez, BF174081A

Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a significant conviction in a Domestic Violence motivated murder case this week. On March 12, 2020, A jury found defendant Joseline Rodriguez guilty of one count of first-degree murder, Penal Code § 187 and an enhancement for using a metal pipe during the murder was found true.

On October 9, 2018 defendant Joseline Rodriguez brutally beat victim Fidel Osorio to death with a steel pipe after a brief argument at his residence in Lamont. Rodriguez was on felony probation for a prior domestic violence attack and had suffered two additional prior domestic violence convictions. After beating Fidel Osorio to death, she fled the area. She was later arrested in a parking lot in Weedpatch. Fidel Osorio lived in Lamont for many years and loved spending time with family and friends.

Sentencing is set for April 17, 2020 where defendant Joseline Rodriguez faces twenty-five years to life plus one year (25-Life +1). The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney David McKillop.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer is committed to prosecuting domestic violence crimes in Kern County.