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**Man Sentenced to Life in Prison for 2018 Murder of Girlfriend**

Roberto Degollado was sentenced to life in prison today for the February 3, 2018 murder of his girlfriend Emily Martinez. Prosecutors submitted evidence to the Court that Degollado brutally murdered his girlfriend, Emily Martinez, by stabbing her 39 times. The victim's juvenile sons witnessed the murder.

Degollado entered a plea of Guilty and asked that the Court assess his punishment. Judge Tamara Needles presided over the punishment hearing held this morning in the 427<sup>th</sup> District Court.

Assistant District Attorney Josh Reno said, "The focus of this case has always been the tragic fact that two young boys had to witness the death of their mother in their home. We know this life sentence will not bring their mother back, but we hope it will give closure to one part of the grieving process and allow the young men, and the entire family of Emily Martinez, to feel that justice was served."

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