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Thousand Oaks Man Sentenced to 50 Years to Life for Murdering His Wife

VENTURA, California – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Judge Anthony Sabo sentenced Tim Ray Gautier (DOB 06/21/65), of Thousand Oaks, to 50 years to life in prison for the murder of his wife, Gina Gautier, on January 11, 2021. On September 21, 2021, a jury found Gautier guilty of first-degree murder along with a special allegation that he personally used a firearm to cause his wife’s death.

At approximately 6:48 a.m. on January 11, 2021, a residential surveillance system captured audio of Gautier retrieving a firearm during an argument he was having with his wife. Gautier returned with the firearm to continue the argument from across the living room. Within minutes, he fired two shots, killing his wife as she stood facing out the open front door to their home.

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