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Marco Pacheco-Aleman convicted of 2021 murder of partner

Pacheco-Aleman shot and killed Karen Castro-Martinez during a domestic dispute

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. – Marion County Prosecutor Ryan Mears announced today that Marco Pacheco-Aleman has been convicted of Murder for the March 2021 shooting death of Karen Castro-Martinez. Pacheco-Aleman was convicted after a two-day jury trial.

On March 13, 2021, IMPD officers responded to a call in the 4400 block of Lickridge Court on a report of shots fired. Upon arrival to the apartment, officers located Castro-Martinez suffering from a gunshot wound to the head.

A witness stated that Pacheco-Aleman was heard arguing with the victim prior to a gun being fired. After the shooting, witnesses heard the victim saying she did not want to die. Shortly thereafter, Pacheco-Aleman was seen fleeing the scene with the couple's child in a vehicle.

The child was later located safely at a family member's residence.

The following day, Pacheco-Aleman was found asleep in his vehicle in Floyd County, Indiana. He was later placed under arrest for murder. At the time of arrest, a 9mm bullet was located in Pacheco-Aleman's pocket, which matched the bullet in the murder.

"A child has now tragically lost both their parents to domestic-related homicide," Prosecutor Mears stated. "Our thoughts and support are with this child and the Castro-Martinez family, as we know the grief and trauma of losing a loved one does not end today."

Prosecutor Mears commends the work of the investigators, deputy prosecutors, victim advocates, and child interviewers who aided in the successful prosecution of this case.

A Sentencing Hearing has been scheduled for December 16 in Court 30 at 10:30 a.m.