

## **COUNTY OF FRESNO**

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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## HARRY GORDON SENTENCED TO LIFE IN PRISON FOR THE ATTEMPTED MURDER OF HIS WIFE

Harry Gordon (68, of Fresno) was sentenced today to Life in Prison, followed by a term of 25 years-to-life, for trying to murder his wife who was in the process of divorcing him.

Gordon was convicted in October by a jury of (1) attempted first degree willful, deliberate, premediated murder, along with the allegations that he personally inflicted great bodily injury to her and personal and intentional discharged a firearm which caused great bodily injury, and (2) corporal injury to a spouse, along with the allegations that he personally inflicted great bodily injury and personally used a firearm.

Today, Judge Vogt imposed one indeterminate term of life with the possibility of parole, followed by one indeterminate term of twenty-five years-to-life in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. However, after serving 25 years, Mr. Gordon will be eligible for release under the Elderly Parole Program.

During the trial, Senior Deputy District Attorney Elana Smith presented evidence that Harry Gordon stalked his wife, who had filed for divorce a month prior, laid in wait, and ambushed her as she was leaving a home. He shot at her five times, hitting her three times, all in front of family members. The victim had to undergo numerous surgeries and medical attention for her injuries.

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