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Juan Baños-Lopez found guilty by jury in the death of his wife.

March 30, 2023 | Las Cruces, NM— Doña Ana County District Attorney Gerald M. Byers announced today that a Las Cruces jury found Juan Baños-Lopez, 47, guilty in the 2st degree murder of his wife Amberly Busby Lopez.

On November 9, 2019, Las Cruces police were dispatched to the couple's home on Posada Court about a Domestic Disturbance. A 911 call by her son stated that his father placed a call to a relative indicating that he had killed his wife, Amber, and that he was going to cut and kill himself.

Officers attempted to make contact at the home, no one responded, hearing movement inside, they ultimately breached the front door. Officers observed blood on the floor and rushed to assess needed medical attention. They found Baños-Lopez with a kitchen knife in his chest, the officers were able to render aid as he was still breathing. A woman later identified as Amberly Busby Lopez was found deceased with several knife wounds, on the floor next to the couch where Baños-Lopez was located. Baños-Lopez was transported to Mountainview Regional Medical Center where he was treated, he has been held in the Doña Ana County Detention Center awaiting trial.

The medical investigation found that Amberly had 4 stab wounds on her torso and determined her death to be a homicide. Baños-Lopez during his interview at the hospital admitted to stabbing Amberly multiple times.

A sentencing hearing will be scheduled for a later date. Baños-Lopez faces a potential of up to 15 years in prison. He has already served 1221 days in confinement. Assistant District Attorney's Sam Rosten and Sal Guardiola represented the state.

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Juan Baños-Lopez –
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