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Jury Sentences Man to 40 Years for Murder

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Bryan, TX – A Brazos County jury sentenced Sosimo Gonzalez, 42, of Bryan, to 40 years in prison after convicting him of the 2013 murder of 23-year-old Andres Tula.

Prosecutors showed that Gonzalez was dating the ex-girlfriend of Andres Tula. On September 1, 2013, Gonzalez and his girlfriend were at Club Karma in College Station when Tula arrived with a group of friends. While at the club, Gonzalez was assaulted by a friend of Tula's in a dispute over another woman that Gonzalez had previously dated. The fight spilled outside into the parking lot where, according to witnesses, Tula threatened to kill Gonzalez. No weapons were displayed at the club.

After the fight, Gonzalez and his girlfriend left the club and drove to Gonzalez's home in Bryan, where he retrieved his guns. Tula left Club Karma with his friends and picked up food at Whataburger before he was dropped off in front of his apartment at 1904 Finfeather in Bryan.

Prosecutors called witnesses who stated that Tula was standing in the parking lot holding his food and talking with a friend when Gonzalez's car pulled up, driven by Gonzalez's girlfriend. Gonzalez exited the passenger seat and asked, "Are you Andres Tula?" When Tula responded that he was, Gonzalez immediately opened fire. Police later recovered seven shell casings at the scene. A forensic scientist determined that all seven came from Gonzalez's gun.

Tula was struck once in the chest and ran a short distance before collapsing. He died within an hour of being shot. No weapons were found on Tula.

Gonzalez and his girlfriend then drove to the nearby home of a friend where Gonzalez buried three guns in a wooded area, including the murder weapon. Bryan police apprehended Gonzalez minutes later when he drove home.





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Gonzalez claimed self-defense at trial but acknowledged on cross-examination that he said “if [Tula’s] going to threaten my life, then I might as well take his life” prior to the shooting.

Gonzalez had no prior criminal history. The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Ryan Calvert and Clay Kimbrough.

“The law stands with anyone who righteously defends himself. However, taking a life because of a prior dispute is nothing but murder. Gonzalez killed a man who was no threat to him at the time and he endangered several other lives in the process. That conduct is unacceptable in our community.” - Ryan Calvert and Clay Kimbrough, Assistant District Attorneys

