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# **Man who Ambushed and Killed His Sister's Former Boyfriend Sentenced to Prison**

## ***Defendant Had Recently Been Released from Prison***

San Diego County District Attorney [Summer Stephan](#) said today that a 33-year-old man has been sentenced to 51 years-to-life in prison for killing the ex-boyfriend of his sister in July 2020 before fleeing to Mexico for nearly two years.

Raymond Lynde, who was convicted by a jury in May of second-degree murder, had just been released from 12-year prison sentence for a string of armed robberies in Orange County when he ambushed Ariel Burquez, 23, outside of an apartment complex in Chula Vista. Lynde stabbed Burquez 28 times, leaving him for dead. Burquez collapsed at his front door, before he died.

“This was a savage murder that was motivated by animosity and revenge,” DA Stephan said. “I hope today’s sentence closes a chapter and brings a measure of justice for the family of Mr. Burquez. We’re grateful to our law enforcement colleagues in Mexico for their help in bringing the defendant back to San Diego to be held accountable for his vicious crime.”

Lynde had been a fugitive for nearly two years before he was located in Mexico by Mexican authorities. Members of a U.S. Marshals Service’s Fugitive Task Force took him into custody at the San Ysidro Port of Entry in May 2022. During the trial, Lynde’s sister said her relationship with Burquez lasted about six months from 2018 to 2019. When the relationship ended, Burquez allegedly vandalized property belonging to Lynde’s sister and allegedly shot at her weeks prior to the murder. Lynde admitted that he stabbed Burquez but claimed he only did so in self-defense. After the violent stabbing, Lynde disposed of the knife, hid the bloody clothes, and fled to Mexico.

Over the last five years, the District Attorney’s Office has successfully extradited 11 fugitives from Mexico to face criminal prosecution in San Diego County.

Deputy District Attorney Cassandra Alfaro from the DA’s South Bay Branch prosecuted this case.

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