



Alyssa Cordova, widow of Nogales Police Officer Jesus Cordova, reads her victim impact statement as defendant David Ernesto Murillo, seated at right in his orange-and-white jail uniform, stares straight ahead. Inset: Murillo is led out of the courtroom to serve his sentence.

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# Day of reckoning

## Murillo gets life plus 119.5 years for murdering Officer Jesus Cordova and assaulting multiple others

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"On April 27, 2018, life as we knew it took a 360-degree turn for the worse," Alyssa Cordova read from a sheet of paper with a strong voice and trembling hands, as she described her family's life before and after

her police officer husband was murdered. "Not only did Nogales Police Department lose a member of their own," Cordova said into the courtroom microphone, her voice suddenly breaking, "a mother lost her only son, three children lost their father, I lost my husband

and our unborn child never got to meet him." Standing just a few feet away from the man convicted of murdering 44-year-old Nogales Police Officer Jesus Cordova, she, along with two family members and the city's police chief, described the pain they and others had suffered as

defendant David Ernesto Murillo sat with his back to them, staring blankly ahead.

Moments later on Wednesday afternoon, Judge Thomas Fink of Santa Cruz County Superior Court sentenced Murillo,

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