

# Defendant Sentenced for First-Degree Murder of Wife



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*Semper Justitia*

**DATE:** March 26, 2019

**CASE:** Joshua Childers (Case #17FE005883)

**PROSECUTOR:** Deputy District Attorney Satnam Rattu, Homicide Unit

The Honorable Ernest Sawtelle sentenced Joshua Childers to 50 years to life in prison. On January 31, 2019, a jury convicted Childers of the first-degree murder of Victoria Vasquez. The jury also found true a use of firearm enhancement.

On March 28, 2017, a Placer County 911 dispatch received a call from a man reporting he had shot his wife and she could be found in a mobile home park in South Sacramento. A record check of the phone number used to call 911 located an address associated with the phone number. Officers responded to the residence and found a deceased woman in a bedroom. Law enforcement then located Childers by pinging his phone and he was taken into custody the same day.

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