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AG Balderas Announces Second Animas Valley Mall Murderer to Stay in Prison for Shooting of Vehicle with Children Inside

Farmington, NM – This afternoon, Attorney General Hector Balderas announced that the New Mexico Supreme Court agreed with the Office of the Attorney General Criminal Appeals Division affirming Luis Ramon Ramirez’s murder, conspiracy to commit murder, child abuse and other convictions for a 2013 shooting in the parking lot of the Animas Valley Mall. The Court vacated one count of shooting at a motor vehicle. Luis Ramon Ramirez’s brother, Alejandro, approached the Vialpando’s vehicle, which had Mr. and Mrs. Vialpando and their three children inside, with a gun while Luis Ramon Ramirez used a vehicle to block the Vialpando’s vehicle in its parking space. Alejandro Ramirez shot Mr. Vialpando nine times killing him and endangering the lives of his three children and wife.

“My thoughts and condolences remain with the Vialpando family and I am thankful for the work of District Attorney Rick Tedrow’s office and the Farmington Police Department which led to this valid conviction,” said Attorney General Hector Balderas.

Please see attached for a photo of Luis Ramirez and click here for a copy of the Supreme Court opinion - <http://www.nmcompcomm.us/nmcases/NMSCUnreported/2018/SC35566.pdf>.

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