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RE: Pasillas-Sanchez Sentenced to 96 Years in Prison for Death of
Girlfriend

Cesar Pasillas-Sanchez, DOB: 4-12-80, of Arvada, was sentenced today to 96 years in prison for the murder of his girlfriend, Sheena Archuleta. On March 13, 2003 Pasillas-Sanchez called 911, reporting that Sheena had committed suicide. Officers arrived to find her dead from a gunshot wound to the head. During the course of the investigation, evidence led detectives to believe that she was murdered. Detectives also found Pasillas-Sanchez to be in possession of up to \$150,000 in stolen property, which filled several storage lockers and his house. In addition they found seven guns, cocaine, heroin and ecstasy in the house.

Arvada police records show that they had been to the house at least one time previously on a domestic violence call. Prosecutors believe that there was an ongoing pattern of abuse. Pasillas-Sanchez was found with blood on his hands and the smell of freshly-burnt marijuana in the house.

After four weeks of trial, the jury deliberated two days before finding him guilty of second degree murder, possession of stolen property as well as engaging in the business of buying, selling and otherwise disposing of stolen goods for a profit. They also found him guilty of being in possession of cocaine, heroin and ecstasy. He was sentenced to a total of 96 years in prison.

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