



Selena Quintanilla's Murderer Seeks Parole After 30 Years

Description

Nearly three decades after the heinous act that stole the life of the Grammy Award-winning icon Selena Quintanilla, the woman convicted of her murder, Yolanda Saldívar, has submitted a request for parole.

Saldívar, who was once a close associate of the burgeoning star and president of her fan club, fatally shot Quintanilla on March 31, 1995, in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Convicted in October of that same year, Saldívar was sentenced to a life term, with the prospect of parole after serving thirty years.

As reported by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice's online records, Saldívar has filed for parole, becoming eligible for consideration on March 30.

In Texas, the parole review process is activated six months before the date of eligibility. Remarkably, Saldívar's forthcoming review coincides with the eve of the 30th anniversary of Selena's tragic murder.

Allegations have emerged in media reports that Saldívar believes she is at risk, claiming a bounty has been placed on her head while incarcerated, as noted by [ABC 13](#).

Selena Quintanilla.Arlene Richie/Getty

During Saldívar's trial, Quintanilla's widower, Chris Pérez, testified that the pop sensation had terminated Saldívar's services earlier that year upon discovering alleged embezzlement activities perpetrated by her.

Following this confrontation, Saldívar obtained a license to purchase a firearm in San Antonio. It was on that fateful day, March 31, when the two met in a hotel room to discuss various matters, that Saldívar shot Quintanilla in the back.

Pleading not guilty to the charge of murder, Saldívar's defense team contended that the shooting was an unintended act, with Saldívar allegedly attempting to harm herself rather than Quintanilla.

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At the time of her tragic demise, Quintanilla was at the pinnacle of her career, having achieved unprecedented success, including a historic performance at the Houston Astrodome Livestock Show & Rodeo, which attracted a staggering audience of nearly 67,000 spectators.

Vocabulary List:



1. **heinous** /'heɪ.nəs/ (adjective): Utterly odious or wicked; shocking.
2. **convicted** /kən'vɪk.tɪd/ (verb): Declared guilty of a criminal offense by the verdict of a jury or the decision of a judge.
3. **prospect** /'prɒs.pɛkt/ (noun): The likelihood or possibility of a future event occurring.
4. **allegations** /,æɪ.lɪ'geɪ.ʃənz/ (noun): Claims or assertions that someone has done something illegal or wrong typically without proof.
5. **unintended** /,ʌn.ɪn'tɛn.dɪd/ (adjective): Not planned or meant; occurring without intention.
6. **spectators** /spɛk'teɪ.tərs/ (noun): People who watch an event especially a sports event.

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. Who fatally shot Selena Quintanilla on March 31, 1995?
Option: Yolanda Saldívar
Option: Chris Pérez
Option: Selena Quintanilla
Option: Corpus Christi, Texas
2. When was Yolanda Saldívar convicted of Selena Quintanilla's murder?
Option: March 31, 1995
Option: October 1995
Option: December 1995
Option: March 30, 2022
3. What was Saldívar sentenced to after being convicted for Quintanilla's murder?
Option: Death penalty
Option: Life term with prospect of parole after 30 years
Option: Community service
Option: 10 years in prison
4. What was the reason Saldívar obtained a license to purchase a firearm?
Option: To protect herself from Selena
Option: To harm Selena
Option: To ensure her safety
Option: For recreational purposes



5. What did Saldívar's defense team claim about the shooting of Selena Quintanilla?

- Option: It was an intended act of aggression
- Option: It was accidental, aiming to harm herself instead
- Option: It was an act in self-defense
- Option: It was a planned murder

6. What event had Selena Quintanilla recently achieved success with before her tragic demise?

- Option: Hosting a fan meet-up
- Option: Recording a new album
- Option: Historic performance at Houston Astrodome Livestock Show & Rodeo
- Option: Starting a fashion line

True-False

- 7. Yolanda Saldívar has recently been released on parole.
- 8. March 30 marks the date of Saldívar's eligibility for parole review.
- 9. Saldívar claims a bounty has been placed on her head while incarcerated.
- 10. Selena Quintanilla had terminated Yolanda Saldívar's services due to embezzlement activities.
- 11. Saldívar pleaded guilty to the charge of murdering Selena Quintanilla.
- 12. Saldívar shot Quintanilla in the chest.

Gap-Fill

- 13. Yolanda Saldívar was sentenced to a life term with the prospect of parole after serving _____ years.
- 14. Saldívar filed for parole becoming eligible for consideration on _____ 30.
- 15. Saldívar's parole review process is activated _____ months before the date of eligibility.



16. Saldívar believed the shooting was an unintended act, with her allegedly attempting to harm _____ instead of Quintanilla.
17. Selena Quintanilla had achieved unprecedented success, including a historic performance at the Houston Astrodome Livestock Show & _____.
18. Quintanilla was fatally shot on March 31, _____, in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Yolanda Saldívar 2. October 1995 3. Life term with prospect of parole after 30 years 4. To harm Selena 5. It was accidental, aiming to harm herself instead 6. Historic performance at Houston Astrodome Livestock Show & Rodeo

True-False: 7. False 8. True 9. True 10. True 11. False 12. False

Gap-Fill: 13. thirty 14. March 15. six 16. herself 17. Rodeo 18. 1995

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. Which word means a feeling of contempt or scorn?
Option: Disdain
Option: Vilification
Option: Heinous
Option: Indignation
2. What term refers to the act of speaking ill of someone?
Option: Commend
Option: Belittlement
Option: Harrowing
Option: Vilification
3. Which word best fits the situation of being found guilty of a crime?



- Option: Spectators
- Option: Belittlement
- Option: Convicted
- Option: Heraldng

4. What term describes expressing ideas clearly and briefly?

- Option: Vibrancy
- Option: Succinct
- Option: Intriguing
- Option: Exuberantly

5. Which word means to act in response to an injury or insult?

- Option: Harrowing
- Option: Retaliatory
- Option: Orchestrated
- Option: Denunciation

6. What term means the exclusion of someone from a society or group?

- Option: Insidious
- Option: Delineates
- Option: Disseminated
- Option: Ostracism

7. What term refers to a claim or assertion that someone has done something wrong or illegal?

- Option: Allegations
- Option: Exacerbated
- Option: Prospect
- Option: Commenced

8. Which word pertains to the mind and behavior?

- Option: Psychological
- Option: Intriguing
- Option: Indignation
- Option: Heinous

9. Which word means anger or annoyance provoked by unfair treatment?

- Option: Climactic
- Option: Indignation
- Option: Vibrancy
- Option: Spectators

10. What term means to begin or start?

- Option: Glimpse



- Option: Commenced
Option: Delineates
Option: Heraldin

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. The smell from the garbage was absolutely _____.
12. The consequences of his actions were completely _____.
13. She sang _____ during the celebration.
14. The official issued a strong _____ of the dictator's actions.
15. The stadium was filled with excited _____ cheering for their team.
16. She caught a _____ of the famous actor at the restaurant.
17. There is a promising _____ of new job opportunities in the city.
18. The painting was full of color and _____.
19. The criminal committed a _____ act that shocked the community.
20. The survivors of the accident recounted the _____ experience.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. The movie had a thrilling and intense ending that left the audience in awe.
22. The act of _____ can have detrimental effects on a person's reputation and well-being.
23. The event with a grand opening ceremony that captivated everyone present.
24. The artist expertly _____ the intricate details of the landscape in his painting.
25. The information was _____ across various platforms to reach a wider audience.
26. The _____ of his efforts made him doubt his own abilities.
27. The lack of communication _____ only the existing tensions between the two parties.



28. The new discovery was seen as a breakthrough in medical science.

29. The nature of the virus made it challenging to detect and control.

30. The legal team refuted the made against their client.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Disdain 2. Vilification 3. Convicted 4. Succinct 5. Retaliatory 6. Ostracism 7. Allegations 8. Psychological 9. Indignation 10. Commenced

Gap-Fill: 11. repugnant 12. unintended 13. exuberantly 14. denunciation 15. spectators 16. glimpse 17. prospect 18. vibrancy 19. heinous 20. harrowing

Matching sentence: 1. climactic 2. vilification 3. commenced 4. delineates 5. disseminated 6. belittlement 7. exacerbated 8. heralding 9. insidious 10. allegation

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