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David Pineda Sentenced to 48 Years in Prison for Stabbing Death of his Wife

David Pineda (DOB 10/31/54) was sentenced to 48 years in prison Thursday for second-degree murder in the stabbing death of his wife last May.

Isabel Pineda, 47, was stabbed to death at the couple's home at 1521 Carrol Court in Thornton on May 27. The couple had been married 31 years. David Pineda called his daughter at around midnight telling her that he had killed her mother and was going to kill himself. He earlier had threatened to kill his wife and himself if his wife left him.

Isabel Pineda was found lying in a pool of blood in the kitchen of the home. She had multiple stab wounds in her chest, back and arm from a 9-inch butcher knife. David Pineda later told police that he had become upset because Isabel told him "he was not her one and only anymore."

David Pineda initially was charged with first-degree murder and pleaded guilty to second-degree murder Dec. 22.

Deputy District Attorney Amy Petri Beard told the court that David Pineda had emotionally abused his wife for years, threatening to kill her and himself if she left him. "She essentially did drown in her own blood in her own home," Petri Beard said. "Instead of calling 911, he called his youngest child to tell her he had just murdered her mother."

Two of the Pineda's children spoke at the hearing, asking that the maximum sentence be imposed. "I'm the one who found my mom in the heart of our home, the kitchen," Josephine Pineda said, describing her mother as the center of the family. "I don't feel alive anymore. I'm so empty and lost without my best friend."

Adams County District Judge Jill Ellyn Straus imposed the maximum 48-year sentence, noting that this will amount to be a life sentence for Pineda.

"David Pineda subjected his wife to years of emotion abuse and finally took her life," said District Attorney Dave Young. "This was a senseless crime that devastated an entire family. It is fitting that he spends the rest of his life behind bars."