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FORMER AURORA MAN GETS SECOND LIFE PRISON SENTENCE MONTANO MURDERED WIFE IN 1990, ALSO MURDERED PAIR IN 1996

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A former Aurora man already serving a life prison sentence for a pair of 1996 murders has been given a second life sentence for murdering his wife 23 years ago.

Aurelio Montano, 58 (d.o.b. 10-5-1955), formerly of Aurora, was sentenced today by Circuit Judge Karen Simpson to life in prison. The sentence is mandatory by statute because Montano now has been convicted of more than one murder.

Montano was convicted Oct. 30, 2013, by a Kane County jury of first-degree murder.

On July 8, 1990, Montano strangled his wife, 35-year-old Maria Guadalupe (Lupe) Montano, in Aurora, believing that she had been unfaithful to him. He then rolled up her body in a carpet and buried it. He later moved Lupe's body, which has not been found. Eighteen years later, Aurora police, acting on a tip, excavated a site in Naperville and found the carpet that Lupe had been buried in. Trained dogs confirmed that human remains had been in the carpet and at the site.

Montano has been serving a life sentence in the Illinois Department of Corrections for the June 1996 murders of Juan Medina and Claudia Ramos in Aurora. Montano was convicted in 1998 by a Kane County jury of two counts of first-degree murder and two counts of concealment of a homicide.

"Mr. Montano is an example of the worst of the worst. He is headed to where he belongs – behind bars for the rest of his life to never again walk among free men. With this sentence, our thoughts remain with Lupe's family, who we hope believe that justice finally has been served," Kane County State's Attorney Joe McMahon said.

"Thanks again to Aurora Police Investigators Matt Thomas and Guillermo Trujillo, the rest of the Aurora Police Department, and the FBI for their perseverance in this case. Thanks also to Kane County Assistant State's Attorneys Greg Sams and Bianca Camargo, who prosecuted this case."