

Femicide sentenced to 70 years in prison in Mexico

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The feminist organization Love is not violence celebrated the sentence: "(the femicide) will not go to a psychiatric hospital as requested by his defense." | Photo: Cuartoscuro

Mexico City, October 19 (RHC)-- A Unitary Trial Court in Mexico sentenced Erick Francisco Robledo, 46, found guilty of the femicide of his partner Ingrid Escamilla in February 2020, to 70 years in prison. The 70-year prison sentence is the maximum that applies under the current Mexican Penal Code and was the one Escamilla's family members, who was stabbed and then skinned, had requested.

Javier Gallardo, lawyer for the family of Escamilla, who was 25 years old when she was murdered, declared that this is the first maximum sentence issued by "any judicial power of an entity or of Mexico City, which this person very much deserved."

The feminist organization Amor no es violencia (Love is not violence) celebrated the sentence on its Twitter account by highlighting that "the judge determined the maximum penalty for the femicide Erik Francisco Robledo. He will not go to a psychiatric hospital as requested by his defense. Memory, justice and dignity for Ingrid Escamilla. Ingrid Lives!

The case became notorious in Mexico because days after the femicide, images of the crime were leaked to the media and went viral on social networks. A policeman was arrested as the alleged perpetrator.

As a result of this, Mexico passed the so-called Ingrid Law, which punishes with up to ten years in prison public servants who record, reproduce, share, distribute or commercialize images, audio, video, documents, information, clues or evidence related to a criminal investigation or personal conditions of a victim.

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