

## The Prosecutor's Office is asking for 10 years in prison for a man for attempted murder

The defendant threatened to kill his partner and stabbed a mutual friend

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The Prosecutor's Office is asking for 10 years in prison for a man accused of attempted murder, illegal wiretapping and related conduct, threats of death with a weapon and non-conditional threats of death, and minor crimes of domestic abuse and of gender violence, for the stabbing of a friend and for threatening to kill his partner. As of today, the man is imprisoned without jail.

The events took place on May 12th, 2023, when the defendant's partner and a friend arrived at the house to look for a furniture. When they entered the house, they found the accused sitting on the bed with a glass of whiskey and a knife in his hand, and in a strong state of intoxication. According to the defendant, he was carrying the knife to self-harm. The couple's friend proceeded to approach and disarm him, at which point a struggle ensued: «He pushed me away and I grabbed him. I didn't want to hurt him», said the defendant.

During the session held yesterday at the Courts, the woman explained that «he started insulting me and I told him it was over». It would have been at that moment, and in front of the insults, when the victim would have stood in the middle of the couple and been stabbed in the left side with a 9.5 centimeter knife. The accused would also have put another



File image of the entrance to the Justice headquarters.

### The events occurred when the victim intervened in the middle of the couple's discussion

knife 20.4 centimeters long to the neck of his partner at the time. The defense lawyer argued that the knife was the property of the woman and that the accused did not know that it had characteristics that made it stronger.

During his intervention, the victim described that when the accu-

sed began to confront his partner, moments before the stabbing, she told him that she was no longer his wife, to which the accused replied with «if you're not mine, you're nobody's».

Seeing these facts, the victim intervened, which resulted in a confrontation between the two men

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and with the accused biting her on the arm: «He bit me on the arm. I asked him if he would be able to kill a friend and he said yes», and immediately stuck the knife into him.

The victim also pointed out that «I looked the blood and not even five seconds passed that he had

## CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

- 1** The defendant's partner and a mutual friend arrive at the house and find HIM drunk and holding a knife.
- 2** The victim decides to approach and disarm the accused, who assures that the weapon was for self-harm.
- 3** The accused insults the couple, and she tells him that it is over and that she is no longer his wife. The injured party intervenes.
- 4** The accused and the victim are face to face and the first stabs him in the left side, in the area of the ribs.
- 5** Then, the defendant takes another 20-centimeter knife and puts it around his partner's neck.
- 6** The injured man and the woman manage to lock themselves in the room and notify the Police.
- 7** The neighbors hear the screams and go upstairs to see what is happening. They find the accused with his hands full of blood.
- 8** The officers arrive and find the accused kneeling on the ground outside the flat, waiting to be arrested.

another knife on the woman's neck». The injured man managed to remove him from the woman and the two locked themselves in the room, from where they alerted the Police.

As explained in their statement by the officers who were dispatched to the scene, upon

arriving they found the accused outside the house with his knees on the ground and his hands full of blood and ready to be handcuffed: «He said: arrest me, I'm an idiot». The officers gave him a blood alcohol test which gave a positive result with a rate of 2.11 g/l, and he required medical assistance for a self-inflicted cut on his finger.

The couple's neighbors also gave evidence yesterday. According to one of the witnesses, she heard many screams and alerted the person who manages the building: «A neighbor called me saying that they were killing each other. I went upstairs and the accused opened the door with a bottle of whiskey and blood in his hands. He told me that it was over and he was exhausted,» the last one said.

During the trial, different psychiatrists also spoke, as well as the reference doctor, who have treated the defendant during his stay in the penitentiary center.

All the witnesses given in yesterday's session led the Prosecutor's Office to charge the defendant with four major and two minor crimes. The Prosecutor's Office points out that it was a complex marriage from the beginning, with a jealous nature on the part of the defendant and constant threats of death, controlling behavior and less value to the couple, which culminated in this episode violent that could have ended in a much worse way.

They detail that the accused behaved aggressively when he drank, not only towards himself, but also towards his partner and towards objects. The Prosecutor's Office also claims that the accused had a motive against the victim, as he was a very jealous person and on a previous occasion had asked the mutual friend if he had had sexual relations with his wife. They also add that mo-

ments before the stabbing, the accused stated that he would be capable of killing and that if his wife was not his she was nobody's, as well as that the behavior after the stabbing was to take another knife and grab his partner by the neck. All this makes the Prosecutor's Office think that the intention was to kill, and for this reason it asks for the maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a complementary penalty of not maintaining contact with the victims. The prosecutor assured that although it is a high penalty, it is adjusted due to the seriousness of the facts.

## The defense vindicates the defendant's strong state of intoxication and assures that he did not want to kill him

On the part of the defense, they claim the defendant's strong state of intoxication and assure that there was no intention to kill: «How do they explain that if he wanted to kill him, he would have bitten him and not stuck the knife directly in him». They also noted the mental health problems of the accused, who had depression and anxiety, as well as the suspicion of an autistic disorder that has not been verified. The defense lawyer also stated that he considers the defendant to be a victim of social and economic domestic violence: «She always told me to give her all the money, she kicked me out of the house, she kept me isolated from my friends, she told me it wasn't worth it.» For these reasons, they ask that he be seized for a crime of injury with a knife with a sentence of two years in prison. The resolution of the sentence will be next May 8th. ●