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(Neb.) - Scottsbluff man to be sentenced for murder

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GERING, Neb. (AP) - A Scottsbluff man convicted of first-degree murder is scheduled to be sentenced.

Daniel Morgan is to appear in Scotts Bluff County District Court on Monday. Morgan was convicted in March of killing Dominic Marquez on May 13 last year.

Defense attorney Jerry Soucie has said the 27-year-old Morgan was acting in self-defense when he went to confront Marquez about harassment, threats and assaults by associates of Marquez since he began dating the mother of Marquez's child.

County Attorney Doug Warner has said Morgan was armed when he drove to Marquez's home and had sent text messages that said he was "going after" Marquez.

Warner says the shooting didn't qualify for the death penalty, which means Morgan will be sentenced to life in prison.

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