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## Verdict delivered in night club shooting murder trial

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LAS CRUCES - Jurors convicted a Las Cruces man of murder Thursday.

Adam Alexander Torres, 27, was convicted of second-degree murder, aggravated assault and tampering with evidence. Police accused Torres of killing Rogelio Alexander Baeza on June 28, 2019, outside the now-closed Halo's Ultra Lounge. Torres faces up to 24 years in prison.

According to the 3rd Judicial District Attorney's Office, the jury deliberated for three hours before returning a guilty verdict on March 23. The trial came 44 months after police believe a feud between Torres and Baeza ended in gunfire.

According to an affidavit filed in 2019, police believe Torres and Baeza quarreled after Baeza beat Torres' friend.

Torres and Baeza were at Halo's when Baeza and a friend left the club

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## 'CON AMOR'



Local artist Anahy Nuñez and her fiancé Aaron Valenzuela paint a mural on the side of the Visit Las Cruces building on March 8 in downtown Las Cruces. PHOTOS BY MEG POTTER/SUN-NEWS

## Local artist makes her mark in Visit Las Cruces mural

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*Editor's note: This is one in a series of hometown heroes — southern New Mexico residents who complete acts of heroism or otherwise serve as an inspiration. We'll feature one hometown hero a month in 2023. To nominate someone, email reporter Leah Romero at LRomero@lcsun-news.com.*

LAS CRUCES - Las Cruces may have noticed the new artwork featured downtown on the Visit Las Cruces building. Local artist Anahy Nuñez painted a love letter to her hometown through her mural enti-

led, "Con Amor."

Nuñez is an artist well known in town for her tattoo work at Atom Bomb Studio, which she owns with her fiancé, Aaron Valenzuela. The two also worked alongside other artists to create the "Color Me Cruces" mural along Main Street, murals outside their tattoo business and others throughout Las Cruces.

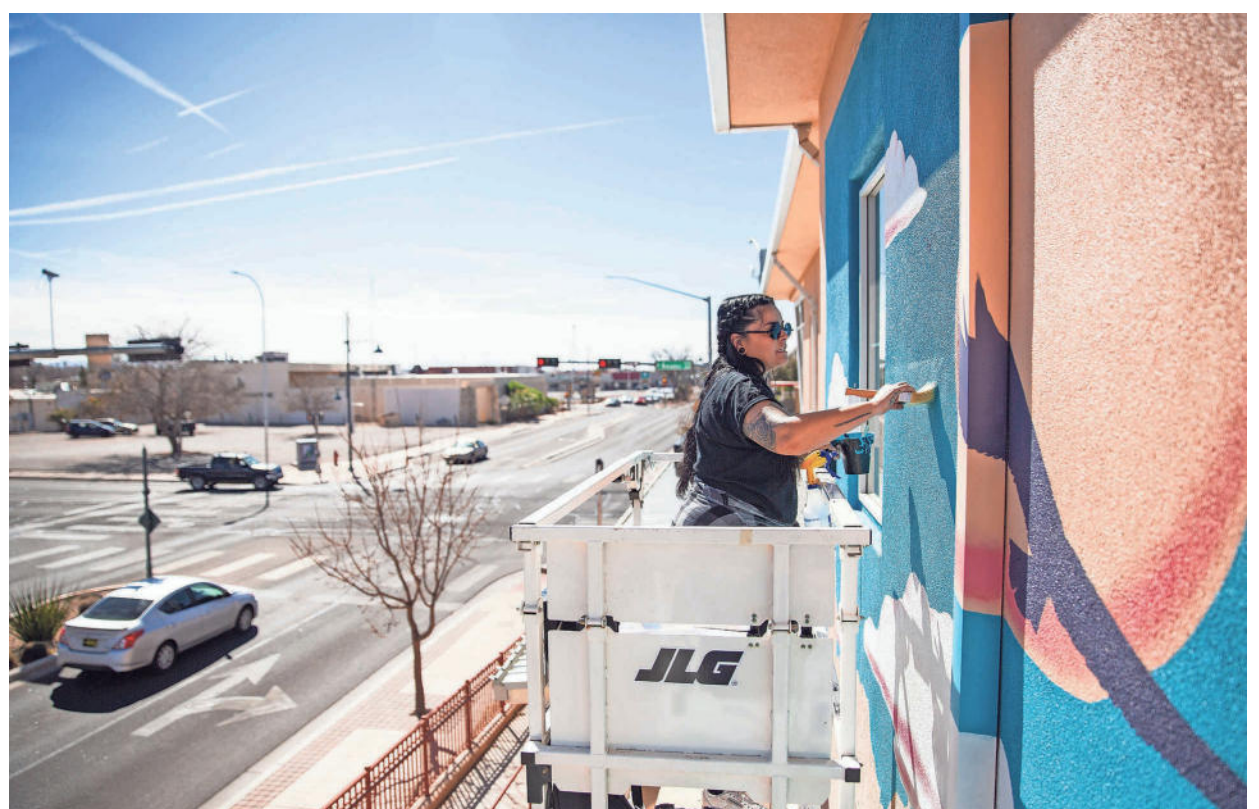
"Con Amor" is the largest mural Nuñez said she

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**"This mural is what I call a love letter. This is my love letter to the city that has supported me as an artist, as I've grown as an artist. I don't think I would have had the same opportunities that I have here, anywhere else. This is my mark on Las Cruces. No matter where I go or where I end up, I will always have a piece of me here."**

Anahy Nuñez

Local artist



Local artist Anahy Nuñez paints a mural on the side of the Visit Las Cruces building.



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## Your lender sold your loan. Now what?

If you've ever taken out a mortgage, there's a good chance the lender who made the loan to you sold it to another bank or investor before you made your first payment. There's also a good chance that if you've had your mortgage for a few years, it may have been sold at least one or two more times. Why all the paper shuffling? The answer is fairly straightforward.

Lenders typically sell loans for two reasons. The first is to free up capital that can be used to make loans to other borrowers. The other is to generate cash by selling the loan to another bank while retaining the right to service the loan. Cash is generated when the old lender charges the new lender a fee for collecting and disbursing the monthly payments. In the end, your loan could be owned by lender "B", while you make payments to lender "A".

On a personal note, I once obtained a mortgage loan from one of the local community banks here in Las Cruces. I was informed at the closing that my loan had already been sold to what financial guru Clark Howard calls a Multi Mega-Bank (MMB). In turn, the MMB sold the loan to the General National Mortgage Association (Ginnie Mae). Until the mortgage was paid off, I continued to make my monthly payments to the MMB, who retained the servicing rights, even though Ginnie

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