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Guilty plea in 2013 Ridge murder and police standoff

A Ridge man who shot his girlfriend to death and fired upon responding police officers from his “Brookwood at Ridge” apartment on Village Drive pleaded guilty today to murder and attempted murder charges during a pretrial hearing in Riverhead, Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota said.

On November 17, 2013 Jose C. Rodriguez, 34, shot Kimberly Sellitto, 36, in the head and then barricaded himself inside 1204 Village Drive with his two children. He fired several shotgun rounds at responding officers who found the victim’s body in the street.

Police were able to negotiate the release of Rodriguez’s two children – the victim, Ms. Sellitto was not their mother – and Rodriguez eventually surrendered after a 90-minute standoff.

Rodriguez pleaded guilty to one count of murder in the second degree and one count of attempted aggravated murder of a police officer and will be sentenced by State Supreme Court Justice William Condon to 30 years to life in prison on January 8.

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