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MAN SENTENCED IN NEW YEAR'S SHOOTING

A man accused of firing a gun into the air and killing two people as he celebrated the new year in January 2008 has been sentenced in the case.

Pedro Cortez (dob: 02-16-82) pleaded guilty earlier to two counts of manslaughter (F4) in the deaths of 47-year-old Rebecca Yanez and her 11-year-old niece, Angelica Martinez on January 1, 2008. He was sentenced today to 10 years in prison for each death, to be served consecutively.

Cortez was led from the courtroom this afternoon to begin serving the 20-year sentence.

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