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Story Options 2022

Option #9: Rebecca Chacon

Pedro Valdez and J.M. Chacon quarreled at Mexican Dance in Pocatello in July 1921. Valdez shot Chacon in the abdomen. Chacon's wife, Rebecca, then fatally shot Valdez. The murder received significant media attention due to the Chacon's prominent standing in Pocatello's Mexican community. The couple both served time at the penitentiary for the murder. J.M received an unconditional pardon in 1923. Rebecca, however, would not receive a full pardon until January 1, 1924. The conditional pardon required her to immediately and permanently leave the United States. She was the only Mexican-born woman ever incarcerated at the Idaho State Penitentiary, and the only woman to have deportation as a condition of her pardon.

