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**DA ROD PACHECO SEEKS DEATH FOR SERIAL BABY KILLER**

INDIO, CA – District Attorney Rod Pacheco has decided to seek the death penalty against Jason Michael Hann for the murder of his 8-week-old baby in 2001.

Hann was indicted by a Riverside County grand jury on a first-degree murder charge with a special circumstance of committing multiple murders. Hann has a prior murder conviction for the 1999 murder of his 6-week-old child in Vermont.

"All murder is horrible, but the murder of two innocent children is particularly horrible," said District Attorney Rod Pacheco. "Those defenseless babies are worth something to us even though they were deemed worthless by this defendant."

A county grand jury indicted Hann, 35, on September 9, 2009. The same grand jury also indicted Krissy Lynn Wertz, 29, on one count of murder. She is ineligible for the death penalty as there is no special circumstance alleged.

Hann and Wertz were living in Desert Hot Springs with their 8-week-old baby named Montana. Around February 10, 2000, Hann hit the baby to stop her from crying. The baby died as a result of the brutal beating. Hann and Wertz wrapped the baby in towels, placed her in a plastic container and moved away from Desert Hot Springs. In October 2001, they rented a storage unit in Arkansas to store their pop-up trailer. After failing to pay rent for three months, the storage facility sold the contents of the storage unit in February 2002. The man who purchased the contents discovered the baby's body and contacted police. A subsequent investigation determined that the baby was Montana, the child of Hann and Wertz.

District Attorney Rod Pacheco made the decision to seek the death penalty on Friday, Jan. 29, 2010, upon the completion of the death penalty review process. The process included an invitation to the defendant's defense attorney to make a presentation to the District Attorney. The District Attorney discussed the facts and circumstances of the case with senior level attorneys, investigators, and victim advocates at the District Attorney's Office before arriving at his final decision.

The case, INF066465, is being prosecuted by Chief Deputy District Attorney Linda Dunn and Deputy District Attorney Christopher Ross. Hann and Wertz are next scheduled to appear

in court on April 12, 2010, in Department 3N of the Larson Justice Center.