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**\*CRIMINAL CASE UPDATE\***

**THREE SAN DIEGO MEN TO STAND TRIAL FOR MURDER  
OF PASTOR'S SON IN TEMECULA**

FRENCH VALLEY – A judge today, Feb. 18, 2010, ordered three San Diego men to stand trial for murdering a man outside a Temecula bar.

Matthew Alexis Basler, 31, of Del Mar; Marvin Justin Black, 26, of El Cajon; and James Wing Fung, 31, of Vista, were held to answer by Judge Timothy Freer on charges of murder, attempted murder and assault with a deadly weapon causing great bodily injury. Basler and Fung also must stand trial on a count of dissuading a witness.

On Dec. 26, 2008, emergency personnel were called to ET's Lounge at 27423 Jefferson Ave., in Temecula regarding a stabbing. Two men were found lying in the rear parking lot, bleeding from stab wounds.

Ryan Armstrong, the son of a local pastor, was pronounced dead at 11:38 p.m. at a nearby hospital while a second victim survived his stab wounds. A third man was beaten but not stabbed during the attack and also survived.

Temecula police determined that there had been argument inside the bar after which a fight between Armstrong and a group of other men was broken up by bar security officers. Armstrong and his two friends were walking away down an alley behind the bar when a pickup drove by. The occupants of the truck got out and began to assault the victims, speeding off after the stabbings.

The three defendants were later identified by witnesses as taking part in the fatal attack.

Just days after the attack and before any arrests were made, a witness was contacted by Basler and Fung and threatened to not talk to police about what happened.

All three defendants are scheduled to return March 12, 2010, to Dept. S202 at the Southwest Justice Center in French Valley to be arraigned on the charges.

The preliminary hearing for the case, SWF027422, was conducted by Deputy District Attorney Sam Kaloustian.

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