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**JURY CONVICTS PARENTS OF MURDER, NEGLECT
IN DEATH OF THEIR DIABETIC DAUGHTER**

RIVERSIDE – A Riverside County jury today, March 24, 2010, convicted a Cabazon couple of murder for the 2006 death of their 17-year-old daughter.

Gregory Lee Latham Sr, DOB: 2-10-47; and Yvonne Dee Latham, DOB: 9-21-56, were each found guilty of second-degree murder and felony willful child endangerment.

“These parents had the moral and legal responsibility to care for their child,” District Attorney Rod Pacheco said. “Instead, their horrible neglect led to her death.”

On April 15, 2006, paramedics were called to the Latham’s home in the unincorporated area of Cabazon where they found 17-year-old Nanette Latham unresponsive. Nanette had Type 1 diabetes which required her to take insulin. Nanette went into cardiac arrest en route to the hospital and hospital personnel found her blood glucose level to be 1295, more than twice the level at which someone can go into a coma.

Nanette’s medical condition deteriorated significantly in the days before her death. Experts say that a person in her condition typically has a very difficult time breathing and experiences pain and nausea for 24 to 48 hours before becoming comatose.

Neighbors of the Lathams told authorities that they tried to visit Nanette during the days before her death but were denied access. One offered to provide the Lathams a ride to the hospital for Nanette but was turned down.

The case, RIF137016, was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Burke Strunsky.

“This was a case of severe neglect in which a girl died a slow and painful death within arms reach of her parents,” Strunsky said. “The defendants gambled with a life that was not theirs to lose.”

The Lathams are scheduled to return to the Hall of Justice in Riverside on April 30, 2010, to be sentenced. Each faces a sentence of 15 years to life in prison.

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