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## **MAN CONVICTED OF DOUBLE MURDER IN SHOOTING DEATHS OF TWO WOMEN**

CORONA – A San Jacinto man was convicted by a Riverside County jury late today, April 6, 2010, of the 2005 murders of two women.

Eric Michael Brittian, DOB: 7-31-86, was found guilty of two counts of first-degree murder and two counts of attempted murder for the Sept. 4, 2005, shooting at 550 W. Main St. in San Jacinto. Brittian faces life in prison without the possibility of parole when he returns to be sentenced by Judge Larrie Brainard on July 9, 2010, in Dept. C3 at the Corona courthouse.

Jurors returned their verdicts of guilty on all counts at 4:45 p.m. Tuesday after slightly more than one full day of deliberations.

The night of the murders, Brittian fired 11 to 15 high-power .308-caliber rounds from a rifle at the West Main Street home where two brothers lived. The two men and their girlfriends, Lori Flores, 27, and Olivia Avalos, 20, both of San Jacinto, were all standing near the doorway when both women were shot and killed.

One of the men provided investigators with the description of a pickup that matched Brittian's and, before she died, victim Olivia Avalos told her boyfriend "It was Eric" who fired the shots. Homicide investigators began looking for Brittian and an anonymous tip ultimately led to his arrest.

The murder weapon has never been found and Brittian's truck was not found until February of this year. Even though Brittian never reported his truck stolen or missing, it was found abandoned and stripped.

After his arrest, Brittian asked to speak to his father and investigators heard him tell his father, "They got me."

The case, SWF013593, was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Daniel DeLimon.

"The murders of Olivia Avalos and Lori Flores were not an accident," DeLimon said. "Their deaths were the direct consequence of an intentional criminal act by the defendant.

"The jury's verdicts appropriately reflect Brittian's true culpability and indicate that, despite his efforts to suppress every instrumentality of his crime, that jurors knew the truth," he added.

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