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**JURY FINDS SECOND MAN GUILTY OF MURDER AND TORTURE
IN 16-YEAR-OLD GIRL'S DEATH IN 2006**

RIVERSIDE – A Riverside County jury today, April 2, 2010, convicted an 18-year-old man of the 2006 murder of a teenage girl in an abandoned duplex. A separate jury convicted a co-defendant of the girl's murder a day earlier.

Jose Alfredo Solorza was found guilty of first-degree murder and jurors also found the special circumstance of torture to be true. The seven-woman, five-man jury also found Solorza guilty of arson.

Solorza faces 25 years to life in prison for the murder, plus another six years for the arson. He is scheduled to be sentenced at 8:30 a.m., April 30, 2010, to Dept. 54 at the Hall of Justice in Riverside.

Solorza and two others were charged with the September 2006 murder of 16-year-old Kayla Wood. The girl met Roman Gabriel Aldana, DOB: 5-17-87, at a Moreno Valley shopping center and both later met up with Solorza, who was a friend of Aldana's, and also with Solorza's cousin, Anthony Bobadilla. The four went to an abandoned duplex in Moreno Valley where they spent the night drinking and having sex.

The next day, Kayla was brutally tortured during which she was beaten, had her hair lit on fire, was assaulted with a bottle, had bottles and a toaster thrown at her head, and was stabbed more than 100 times. The duplex was set afire and when firefighters responded they found the victim's body in a bathtub.

On April 1, 2010, Aldana's jury convicted him of Kayla's murder and also found the special circumstance of torture to be true. Aldana faces the death penalty and testimony begins Wednesday, April 7, 2010, in the second phase of his trial after which jurors will recommend whether Aldana be put to death or sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Bobadilla, 19, pleaded guilty on Jan. 14, 2010, to voluntary manslaughter, kidnapping, arson and sexual penetration with a foreign object. He is schedule to be sentenced on April 9, 2010.

Solorza does not face the death penalty because he was 15 years old at the time of Kayla's murder.

The case, RIF132370, is being prosecuted by Supervising Deputy District Attorney John Henry.

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