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TWO GANG MEMBERS CONVICTED OF 2006 MORENO VALLEY MURDER

RIVERSIDE – Today, April 2, 2010, a Riverside County jury convicted two men of the 2006 murder of a man inside a Moreno Valley apartment.

Jonathon Japeth Norton, DOB: 7-2-80, of Perris; and Larry Kinkade Carter, DOB: 11-21-81, of Moreno Valley were each found guilty of first-degree murder and criminal street gang activity. Norton was also convicted of being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm.

The murder happened June 10, 2006, at an apartment on Adrienne Avenue in Moreno Valley. Moreno Valley police responded to a shots fired call and found the victim, Jonathan Fuller, deceased on the kitchen floor. He has been shot several times, including in the head. Further investigation revealed that cash and the victim's cell phone were missing.

Homicide investigators determined that Norton and the victim knew each other and that Norton believed Fuller had previously burglarized his home. In July 2006, Norton was arrested on an unrelated crime and a .380-caliber handgun was found in his possession. A ballistics test showed that the weapon was the same one used to murder Fuller a month earlier.

Detectives spoke to someone who told them Norton admitted that he "noodled" the victim, which was further explained by Norton to mean when you shoot someone in the head and their brain comes out looking like noodles.

Carter was driving the car the defendants fled in the night of the murder and was given \$100 by Norton after the shooting.

Each defendant faces a sentence of 50 years to life.

The case, RIF135374, was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Jared Haringsma.

"After almost four long years, justice has come for those responsible for the murder of Jonathan Fuller," Haringsma said. "I am pleased that the jury was able to see the truth and return the correct verdicts."

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