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**JURY DECIDES DEATH FOR MORENO VALLEY MAN  
IN TORTURE AND MURDER OF TEEN GIRL**

RIVERSIDE – A Moreno Valley man should be put to death for the 2006 torture and murder of a teenage girl, a Riverside County jury decided today.

Roman Gabriel Aldana, DOB: 5-17-87, was found guilty on April 1, 2010, of first-degree murder and jurors also found the special allegation of torture to be true. The same jury that convicted him then heard testimony in the penalty phase of the trial and today, April 28, 2010, recommended that Aldana be put to death.

“This was a complicated case with multiple defendants and two juries hearing the evidence,” District Attorney Rod Pacheco said. “Our prosecutor, Supervising Deputy District Attorney John Henry, did an outstanding job guiding jurors through the evidence so that the cowards responsible for torturing and murdering this teen girl can now be held accountable.”

Aldana and two others will now be sentenced for the September 2006 murder of 16-year-old Kayla Wood. The runaway teen met Aldana at a Moreno Valley shopping center and soon after met up with Aldana’s friend, Jose Alfredo Solorza, and 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 130 times. The duplex was set afire and when firefighters responded they found the victim’s body in a bathtub.

Aldana is scheduled to return for formal sentencing by Judge Jean Pfeiffer Leonard on July 9, 2010, in Dept. 54 at the Hall of Justice in Riverside.

Solorza, 18, was convicted by a separate jury on April 2, 2010, of first-degree murder, with a special allegation of torture, and a second count of arson. He faces up to 31 years to life in prison and is scheduled to be sentenced on Friday, April 30, 2010, in Dept. 54 at the Hall of Justice in Riverside.

Bobadilla, 19, pleaded guilty on Jan. 14, 2010, to voluntary manslaughter, kidnapping, arson and sexual penetration with a foreign object. He is scheduled to be sentenced tomorrow, April 29, 2010.

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

“I am extremely happy we are finally able to get Kayla the justice she deserves in death that she wasn’t able to get in life,” Henry said.

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