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MAN GETS 29 YEARS TO LIFE FOR THE 2006 MURDER AND TORTURE OF 16-YEAR-OLD GIRL

RIVERSIDE: Today, Judge Jean Pfeiffer Leonard sentenced 18-year-old Jose Alfredo Solorza to 29 years to life in prison for the 2006 torture and murder of a teenage girl in an abandoned duplex.

Earlier this month, a Riverside County jury convicted Solorza of first-degree murder, found true the special circumstance of torture, and convicted him of arson. A separate jury also convicted a co-defendant of the girl's murder.

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. On April 28, 2010, a jury recommended the death penalty for Aldana. He is scheduled to be sentenced on July 9, 2010.

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 on May 21, 2010.

Solorza did 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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