



CRIMINAL CASE UPDATE

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LOS ANGELES GANG MEMBER TO STAND TRIAL FOR MURDER OF MAN IN DESERT HOT SPRINGS VONS PARKING LOT

INDIO, CA: Late yesterday afternoon, May 6, 2010, a Riverside County judge ruled Anthony Raymond Magdaleno, DOB: 11/05/90, must stand trial for the murder of a man in the parking lot of a Desert Hot Springs Vons grocery store in October of last year.

At about 11 P.M. on October 10, 2009, Magdaleno approached the victim as he waked in front of the Vons grocery store. Witnesses describe what appeared to be a brief verbal exchange that resulted in the victim walking away from Magdaleno. Magdaleno said something that caused the victim to stop and start to turn back toward Magdaleno once again. That's when Magdaleno pulled out a handgun and shot the victim in the temple at close range. The victim died a few hours later at Desert Regional Medical Center. Investigators have not discovered any connection between Magdaleno and the victim and the shooting appears to be a random act of violence.

The victim, Chi-li "Tony" Chen, had just moved to Desert Hot Springs from Northern California after accepting a job working at the Agua Caliente Hotel. Magdaleno is a known gang member of the Hawaiian Gardens criminal street gang based in Los Angeles.

Magdaleno is charged with murder with a special allegation for using a firearm during the commission of the murder. He faces a sentence of up to 50 years to life in prison. Magdaleno is next scheduled to appear in court at 8:30 A.M. on May 20, 2010, in Dept. 3S of the Larson Justice Center in Indio. He remains in custody on \$1.5 million bail.

The case, INF067116, is being prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Lisa DiMaria of the Homicide Unit.

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