



# CRIMINAL CASE UPDATE

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## 50 YEARS TO LIFE FOR GANG MEMBER CONVICTED OF 2006 MURDER

RIVERSIDE – Today, May 14, 2010, a Riverside County judge sentenced Larry Kinkade Carter to 50 years to life in prison for the 2006 murder of a man inside a Moreno Valley apartment. Carter's co-defendant, Jonathon Japeth Norton, is scheduled to be sentenced next week.

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 on April 2, 2010. Norton was also found guilty 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 had 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 had a previous disagreement. 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. Further investigation uncovered that Norton and Carter had participated in the murder together.

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.

Norton's sentencing is scheduled for May 21, 2010 and also faces a sentence of 150 years to life.

The case, RIF135374, was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Jared Haringsma of the Gang Unit.

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