



CRIMINAL CASE UPDATE

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COUPLE SENTENCED FOR MURDER, NEGLECT OF THEIR DIABETIC DAUGHTER

RIVERSIDE – A Cabazon couple was sentenced to life in prison today, May 21, 2010, for the neglect and murder of their 17-year-old diabetic daughter.

Gregory Lee Latham Sr, DOB: 2-10-47; and Yvonne Dee Latham, DOB: 9-21-56, were each found guilty on March 24, 2010, of second-degree murder and felony willful child endangerment.

Today, Judge Raymond Youngquist sentenced each of the defendants at the Hall of Justice in Riverside. Gregory Latham was sentenced to 17 years to life in prison while Yvonne Latham received a sentence of 15 years to life.

On April 15, 2006, paramedics were called to the Latham's home in the unincorporated area of Cabazon where they found 17-year-old Nanette Latham unresponsive. Nanette had Type 1 diabetes which required her to take insulin. Nanette went into cardiac arrest en route to the hospital and hospital personnel found her blood glucose level to be 1295, more than twice the level at which someone can go into a coma.

Nanette's medical condition deteriorated significantly in the days before her death. Experts say that a person in her condition typically has a very difficult time breathing and experiences pain and nausea for 24 to 48 hours before becoming comatose.

Neighbors of the Lathams told authorities that they tried to visit Nanette during the days before her death but were denied access. One offered to provide the Lathams a ride to the hospital for Nanette but was turned down.

The case, RIF137016, was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Burke Strunsky of the Sexual Assault and Child Abuse Unit.

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