



CRIMINAL CASE UPDATE

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MORENO VALLEY MAN SENTENCED TO DEATH FOR THE TORTURE AND MURDER OF A TEENAGE GIRL

RIVERSIDE – A Moreno Valley man has been sentenced to death for the 2006 torture and murder of a runaway teenage girl.

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. On April 28, 2010, the same jury that convicted him recommended that Aldana be put to death.

Today, July 30, 2010, Riverside County Superior Court Judge Jean Pfeiffer Leonard formally sentenced Aldana to death.

Aldana and two others were convicted of 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.

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. On April 30, 2010, Solorza was sentenced to 29 years to life in prison.

Bobadilla, 19, pleaded guilty on Jan. 14, 2010, to voluntary manslaughter, kidnapping, arson and sexual penetration with a foreign object. On May 26, 2010, Bobadilla was sentenced to 23 years in prison.

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

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