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CRIMINAL CASE UPDATE

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BERMUDA DUNES MAN CHARGED WITH SHOOTING WIFE TO DEATH

INDIO, CA: Today, August 25, 2010, Garey Lee Smith was charged in the killing of his wife of 38 years, Sandra Smith. He faces a charge of first-degree murder with a special allegation for using a firearm during the commission of the crime.

Late Sunday night, August 22, 2010, Smith (DOB: 09/17/54) called 911 and told the dispatcher that he had just shot his wife five times and that she was dead. The victim was pronounced dead at the scene by responding medical personnel. Smith was immediately taken into custody and booked into the Indio Jail. Investigators determined that the murder was an act of domestic violence.

Smith entered a plea of not guilty today in front of Judge William Lebov. He is next scheduled to appear in court for a felony settlement conference on September 3, 2010, in Dept. 3N of the Larson Justice Center. He faces 50 years to life in prison.

The case, INF10001803, is being prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Joshua Hill.

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