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# CRIMINAL CASE UPDATE

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## HEMET MAN RECEIVES SENTENCE OF 50 YEARS TO LIFE FOR MURDER OF TEEN WHOSE BODY WAS DISMEMBERED AND BURNED

MURRIETA – A Hemet man was sentenced today, Dec. 16, 2011, to 50 years to life in state prison for the 2009 murder of a teen whose body was then dismembered and burned.

Jose Manuel Campos, DOB: 1-4-92, of Hemet, was sentenced in case SWF029750 by Judge Mark Petersen at a hearing held at the Southwest Justice Center in Murrieta. Campos was sentenced to 25 years to life for the murder and an additional 25 years to life for personal use of a firearm.

Campos was convicted by a Riverside County jury on Oct. 27, 2011, of the murder of 17-year-old Adrian Rios.

On Nov. 15, 2009, Campos and three others were at a home on Bluejay Way in Hemet where Campos lived with his parents to watch a San Diego Chargers football game. That evening one of those at the home, Ivan Ruiz, then 18, and Adrian Rios got into a verbal altercation and Rios punched Ruiz in the nose. Campos, holding a .22-caliber rifle, joined in the confrontation and ultimately shot Rios, killing him.

Campos and Ruiz moved the victim's body out to the back patio then rode their bicycles to a nearby service station where Ruiz is seen on videotape filling a container with gasoline while Campos casually eats a hamburger. Once back at the murder scene, they moved the victim's body into a makeshift grave in the backyard near an existing fire pit. The victim's body is then lit on fire.

At some point the victim's body was also dismembered. Remains were found buried in the backyard of the residence as well as recovered by a Riverside County sheriff's dive team from the waters of Canyon Lake. DNA analysis conducted on a skull recovered from the lake produced a profile that matched the victim, Adrian Rios. A coroner's autopsy concluded the cause of death as a gunshot to the head.

Campos fled to Mexico soon after the murder but was caught and returned to Riverside County in March 2010. Ruiz pled guilty to being an accessory and was sentenced to 180 days in county jail and three years of formal probation.

The case was tried by Deputy District Attorney Burke Strunsky of the Homicide Unit.