



Riverside County District Attorney

CRIMINAL CASE UPDATE

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JUDGE ORDERS MURRIETA MAN TO STAND TRIAL FOR THE MURDER OF HIS GRANDMOTHER WHOSE BODY HAS NEVER BEEN FOUND

MURRIETA – Today, Feb. 21, 2014, a Riverside County judge found there is enough evidence for a Murrieta man to stand trial for the murder of his grandmother.

Kyle Roger McLean, DOB: 9-10-91, of Murrieta, is charged with the July 2013 murder of his grandmother, Catherine Sutton, DOB: 3-4-42. If convicted as now charged, McLean faces up to 25 years to life in prison.

Today, after about two and half days of evidence and testimony at the preliminary hearing, Judge Angel Bermudez found there was enough evidence for McLean to stand trial as charged. McLean now has an information arraignment scheduled for March 7, 2014, in Dept. S204 at the Southwest Justice Center.

Catherine Sutton has been missing since July 11, 2013. Her daughter reported her missing to Murrieta police the evening of July 14, 2013. Based on the evidence in this case, including evidence collected at her Murrieta home on Graystone Lane, it is believed that Sutton was murdered. McLean lived at his grandmother's home at the time of the murder.

At this time, McLean's body has not been located.

In July 2013, a second man entered a guilty plea to the court to being an accessory to a felony in connection with the murder. Neil Michael Erickson, DOB: 5-23-95, of Wildomar, was sentenced on Sept. 6, 2013, to 270 days in custody and five years of formal probation.

The case, SWF1301920, is being prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Jennifer Garcia.