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CRIMINAL CASE UPDATE

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MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO BEING AN ACCESSORY IN MURRIETA WOMAN'S MURDER

MURRIETA – Today, July 24, 2013, a Wildomar man entered a plea of guilty to being an accessory to a felony in connection with the murder of a Murrieta woman.

Neil Michael Erickson, DOB: 5-23-95, pled guilty to the judge. This was not a plea agreement with the DA's Office.

Erickson is scheduled to be sentenced on Sept. 6, 2013, by Judge Mark Mandio in Dept. S302 at the Southwest Detention Center in Murrieta. Along with the guilty plea to being an accessory to a felony in this case, SWF1301920, Erickson also pled guilty to misdemeanor vandalism count in case SWM1304872. The vandalism involved the spray painting of a wall on July 11, 2013, at the Murrieta home of murder victim Catherine Sutton, DOB: 3-4-42.

Erickson faces a sentence of up to three years for the accessory to a felony count and another year for the vandalism count.

Sutton's grandson, Kyle Roger McLean, DOB: 9-10-91, has been charged with her murder. He appeared at a felony settlement conference today, July 24, 2013, and that hearing was continued to Aug. 27, 2013, in Dept. S202 at the Southwest Justice Center.

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 the possible crime scene at her Murrieta home, it is believed that Sutton has been murdered. No further details about that evidence will be released at this time.

At the time of this release, her body has not been located.