

Couple to stand trial in slaying, judge rules

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STOCKTON — Two men must stand trial before a jury on charges they murdered a Tracy woman in August, a San Joaquin County Superior Court judge ordered today.

Tracy Police arrested Robert Morgan, 39, and his spouse, Jorge Morgan, 24, shortly after the discovery that Cynthia Ramos, 58, had been stabbed, beaten and strangled to death Aug. 6 in her trailer at Green Oaks Mobile Home Park in Tracy.

Superior Court Judge Bernard Garber oversaw the preliminary hearing, which included graphic testimony about Ramos' death. A forensic pathologist said she was the victim of an "overkill" because of the excessive injuries.

The pair are charged with murder and the special circumstances of lying in wait, burglary and robbery, which make them eligible for life in prison without the possibility of parole.

The men met in state prison and have been domestic partners for one year.