



Partners to stand trial in Tracy killing

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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 Friday.

Tracy police arrested Robert Morgan, 39, and his partner, Jorge Morgan, 24, shortly after the discovery that Cynthia Ramos, 58, had been stabbed, beaten and strangled Aug. 6 in her MacArthur Drive home 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 the death penalty or life in prison without the possibility of parole.

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