

Accused Gay Couple May Face Death (For Brutal Murder of 55 Year-Old Woman)

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STOCKTON - Two gay men who could face a death sentence on charges they murdered a Tracy woman last year were mistakenly kept in a cell together despite a judge's order barring their contact, authorities said Friday.

Robert and Jorge Morgan - who are legal domestic partners and consider themselves married to each other - stand accused of murdering Cynthia Ramos, 58, on Aug. 6 in her trailer at Green Oaks Mobile Home Park.

A forensic pathologist who performed Ramos' autopsy said she was "killed over and over and over," fighting back as she was stabbed 55 times, struck 13 times with something hard, and strangled.

Prosecutors are now weighing the decision to seek a death sentence against the Morgans. The additional charges of robbery, burglary and lying in wait make them eligible.

While awaiting trial, an order by San Joaquin County Superior Court Judge Bernard Garber requires they be kept apart, like any co-defendants. They had asked for time together to plan their defense, insisting sex was not their motive.

The mix-up happened upon their transfers as parole violators from the San Joaquin County Jail to Deuel Vocational Institution last month, when they spent about two days in the same cell, Deuel spokesman Lt. Gilbert Valenzuela said.

Valenzuela said Robert Morgan is listed in the prison system as Robert Plunkett, and Deuel staffers didn't know of the judge's order. Officials constantly put together inmates because Deuel is cramped for space, he said.

"We wind up celling these guys together because they're compatible," Valenzuela said.

Once the judge's order came to light, Deuel separated them, Valenzuela said, adding that prisoners are prohibited from sexual activity under the Prison Rape Elimination Act. The pair could face bigger problems.

In a brief hearing Friday morning, Judge Garber goaded San Joaquin County Deputy District Attorney Valli Israels into deciding if she would seek a death sentence, so the defense has time to prepare.

Garber set the Morgan's next hearing for Jan. 25, when he is expected to set a trial date. He told Israels that is also when he wants to know the penalty she will seek.

"You think you might have that decision in two weeks?" Garber asked.

"I hope so," Israels replied, saying that her boss, District Attorney Jim Willett, ultimately decides if a case is worth capital charges. He needed more time, she said.

"The district attorney's office takes the death sentence very seriously," Israels said.

Comments

Maybe these rat bastards can be reunited one last time when the are both strapped down together and given lethal injections...

To: **DogByte6RER**

On pink gurneys?

To: **DogByte6RER**

Hate Crime, anyone?

To: **DogByte6RER**

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LOL!

To: **DogByte6RER**

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To: **DogByte6RER**

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Yeah, in this case it's a really tough decision.

To: **Wally_Kalbacken**

*Two gay men who **could** face a death sentence.....*

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To: **SouthDixie**

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The pathologist was referring to the fact that any number of the wounds were fatal all by themselves.

It's an important point, because it indicates a savagery from the murderers far beyond what was necessary to just kill her.

To: **Talisker**

Yeah, they were obviously very, very committed to the idea that she BECOME dead AND STAY dead.

To: **SouthDixie**

Yeah.

But in their mind, they killed her over and over and over.

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To: **DogByte6RER**

HATE CRIME?

Oh, but queers don't commit hate crimes.

To: **DogByte6RER**

Robert Morgan 39 (left) and Jorge Morgan 24 (right) appear in Stockton court as they face charges for killing Cynthia Ramos. Glenn Moore/Tracy Press

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To: **DogByte6RER**

So much for the two married perverts just staying at home and playing 'hide the pickle' together.

Hope they fry. Wonder if they have to go through extra biological waste procedures with 'em because of well, you know.

To: **Screaming_Gerbil**

You can tell they have the love of Jesus in their eyes. /sarc

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Not that there's anything wrong with that...

To: **Slyfox**

Hate Crime, anyone?

Yes, the victim hated gays. Does anyone believe this will not be the defense?

To: **SouthDixie**

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Sorry, there is only 'one' cause of death, one cannot die repeatedly.

I'm told that usually after about the 27th stab wound (give or take 5 or 10), the perpetrator usually gets an inclining that the victim is dead; anything after that, it becomes "personal".

Hence the "killed over and over and over" comment.

In any event, let's hope these two murdering sexual deviants are executed, as life in prison (i.e. being gang raped on a daily basis) would be more like *pleasure* to them.

To: **aSeattleConservative; Talisker; Freddd**

I do not deny it was a savage crime because it was. My point being, there are pre mortem injuries and post mortem injuries. My point being, cause of death is determined 'at the time of death'. The pathologist applied emotion rather than scientific evidence. Not great, in a court of law...it could make or break a case and guilty people could walk free because of a technicality.

To: **SouthDixie**

“A forensic pathologist who performed Ramos’ autopsy said she was “killed over and over and over,” fighting back as she was stabbed 55 times, struck 13 times with something hard, and strangled.”

The article didn’t go into detail about the forensic pathologist’s testimony as to what point the victim would have died from her massive wounds.

The corpse laying on a morgue slab with 55 stab wounds, 13 traumatic injuries due to “something hard”, and strangulation ligatures, is enough scientific evidence to show that she is indeed “dead”.

What the fp was saying in essence was: “It’s one thing to murder someone, it’s another to have so much RAGE that you essentially murder them over and over again”.

There are plenty of ways for murderers get be acquitted (“If the glove don’t fit, you must acquit”...”Detective, have you ever used the word nig... in your life?”); testifying that a brutally murdered victim was “killed over and over again” likely isn’t one of them.

To: **DogByte6RER**

Just daisy chain the IV.

To: **BerryDingle**

Statement: "These "guys" will be back on the street within 6 years."

Response: They will then be appointed to the Presidential Cabinet.

To: **Morgana**

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