

Gay couple could face death penalty, briefly put in same cell by mistake

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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 today.

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 weighing the decision to seek a death sentence against Robert and Jorge Morgan. The additional charges of robbery, burglary and lying in wait make them eligible for capital murder charges.