



## Victim's family asks partnered murderers be imprisoned apart

by Cassie Tomlin/ TP staff

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The family of a Tracy woman murdered in her home last summer wants her convicted killers to live out their life sentences in different prisons.

Prison officials said the inmates haven't been permanently placed yet, and can't guarantee they'll separate the two.

Robert Morgan, 39, and Jorge Morgan, 24, were earlier this month sentenced to life in prison without parole for the murder of Cynthia Ramos, 58.

Robert Morgan is identified in prison records as Robert Plunkett, a name he told the court last month he no longer uses.

Both Morgans, registered domestic partners in San Joaquin County, are temporarily being held at Deuel Vocational Institution, east of Tracy, but a prison spokesman said that's not necessarily where they'll remain forever.

The partners are not being held in the same cell, a representative for the prison said.

Christina Barnes, Ramos' eldest daughter, sent a letter Wednesday to the attorney general and 33 others, asking that one Morgan be sent to an out-of-state prison to prevent the two from "continuing their conspiracies."

A spokesman for the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation said he'd received the letter and would respond to Barnes.

The Morgans were found guilty of stabbing Ramos 55 times, strangling her with a rope and bludgeoning her in the head before stealing her jewelry. The Morgans and Ramos, a mother of six, were neighbors in Tracy.

An order early in the trial kept the Morgans apart while in jail and on buses to and from court, but in November, the two were mistakenly put in the same DVI cell for about two days.

Barnes said that's what led to courtroom taunts from Jorge Morgan that month. She claimed he had yelled at her family in between hearings, shouting "This don't mean s---. ... I'll do life. ... I did it... and I'd do it again."

Barnes said in the Feb. 17 letter her family is haunted by the brutal slaying and afraid of retaliation from the Morgans.

"My family and I live in fear of our lives and the lives of our children," Barnes wrote. "If the two prisoners are left together to conspire, they are capable of carrying out their evildoings against us, either indirectly or through the hands of others."

Barnes said the two don't deserve the "luxury" of living near each other, and urged the court to prevent "additional opportunities of manipulating their way into sexual situations together."

Kevin Chappell, who places inmates in the state's prisons, said the state has yet to place the Morgans in permanent prisons, but their relationship wouldn't necessarily mean they'd be kept separated.

He said they would be kept apart if the prison decides putting them together would risk the safety of the men or other inmates

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at the jail.

Chappell said the two are temporarily at DVI because it's the closest facility to where they were sentenced, and it's unclear when they might be moved to their permanent prison.

Chappell said that when placing prisoners, the state considers inmates' sentences, medical and psychiatric health, work skills, education and crime history.

Both Morgans have served time at DVI for previous crimes, and they have said they met in Mule Creek State Prison, where they shared a cell. Jorge Morgan had been convicted of burglary, and Robert Morgan had been convicted of stealing a car.

Barnes said she hasn't received any response to her letter yet, but she hopes her plea will be considered.

"Is it ethical for two men who plotted and carried out such a gruesome act together to live out their lives together behind bars?" she said. "It comes down to what's right. If there is no law in place that states they can't be together, maybe there should be."

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### **Comments**

#### **doors17**

March 01, 2010

Everyone, please take the time to go to the website [inmemoryofcindyramos](http://www.inmemoryofcindyramos.com). The family has put up a letter that we can all copy and paste, then print out. They also provided the names and address of those you can send your letter to.

I'm going to pass this around so many of my co-workers can also sign it. Please if you can do the same it might make the difference.

#### **tomturkey**

February 26, 2010

i always wondered, what makes these losers tic, is there a wire not connected to something in birth? or was a wire disconnected when there mothers or fathers smacked them in the head with a fry pan. maybe lead paint on cribs. overall losers. we all loose living on earth with them. obviously.

#### **That's mine**

February 26, 2010

The last comment is mine, don't know why my log on name is not showing even after signing in. Fix it, Tracy Press, please?

CN/ConcernedNeighbor

#### **anonymous**

February 26, 2010

Bravo on your request!!!

Dark thought/suggestion here:

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All prisoners should wear pictures of their victims on their clothing so their crime will continue to be announced, even within the prison system! Let them be reminded of their own crime!

Right now it is just like a huge dormitory living with rules in place.

"The Morgans were found guilty of stabbing Ramos 55 times, strangling her with a rope and bludgeoning her in the head before stealing her jewelry."

They sure had it easy up to now... weak judicial system?

CN

**tomturkey**

February 26, 2010

The tie breaker here is, some innocent lady got murdered, stabbed to death. My thoughts and prayers goes out to her family members and friends. The issue is this was something that could not have occurred, but evil people are on this planet. The two idiots are still alive but locked away to protect us from anything happening from them two bozos again. I hope they inject them with some black flack or raid and save us tax payers money. Why care about them being together when they didn't consider the same when taking someone away from their loved ones.

**TracyCitizen**

February 25, 2010

Tracy Press reports: " Kevin Chappell, who places inmates in the state's prisons, said the state has yet to place the Morgans in permanent prisons, but their relationship wouldn't necessarily mean they'd be kept separated.

He said they would be kept apart if the prison decides putting them together would risk the safety of the men or other inmates at the jail."

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So instead of worrying about the safety of these two killers or the other inmates, what about the safety of the victims family???? They do not deserve to be in the same cell or allowed to "mingle" ever, period.

Regarding CPmartinez comment "it's time to move on" she is clueless how devastating it is to a family when a loved one has been murdered.

To Cindy's family, know that we are grateful these two will never know freedom again, and hold your mom's memory close to your heart. It is not how she died that is most important, it is how she lived that really matters.

**Cindy'sBabyGirl**

February 25, 2010

Thank you Doors17 for your kind words, your understanding, and for helping to keep our mother's memory, name, and legacy alive and honored in the light it deserves. And yes, you are totally correct. For us, there will never be any full closure here. There will also never be any true justice in this life, as our Mother is gone forever. Robbed from her family she loved so dearly and who so dearly love her...for life. So to hear and read the types of comments being made here, especially in support of two murderers who were and clearly are capable of carrying out something so brutal, so heinous, so cruel and inhumane; something that to the normal person, who actually has compassion for human life, couldn't even begin to fathom or comprehend how anyone could even be capable of carrying out such an act just makes me sick to my stomach. No one deserves to die this way, and for us, it is an inexplicably painful reality that we have to face each and every day of our lives for the rest of our lives. Your thoughtful comments and empathy

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towards our pain is heartfelt, and as a family, we are thankful for the support of the many people like yourself who have been a huge part of giving us the strength to somehow get through this nightmare we will never awaken from.

And most importantly, we are thankful for all of those who are helping to keep Our Mother's legacy alive and in the spirit this wonderful woman so truly deserves. That legacy will always live on through us-her 6 children, 11 grandchildren, first great grandchild, and the host of other family and friends whose lives she touched.

And to my siblings – I Love You all so much and thank each and every one of you for being my strength when I have been weak, for being each other's rock when one needs that to lean upon, and I will always be here to give you all the same; And for the incredible bond that we are so fortunate to share.....Which leaves me to the most important thing I am thankful to God for each and every day – which is for giving us the mother that he did, for she is the one the credit and thanks should go to for instilling this in us all, and for creating the loving family she did that will carry on her legacy just as she taught us to.....until the end of time, when we will be reunited with her again.

### doors17

February 25, 2010

Standing ovation to you CindysDaughter. Your replies are very professional, well worded and explained to all of us.

The word closure can never be used by the family of a victim of murder. Every birthday, holiday or just a normal day can trigger the pain. We're always told the intensity of grief does fade with time, but time can never heal the grief completely.

Again everyone please take the time to help this family with a letter asking that these two are separated for life, and take the time to view the beautiful website that this family has done in her memory. It's a beautiful reminder to all of us that victims are not a nameless, faceless number to those of us who have no emotional attachment to the family and victim.

### CindysDaughter

February 25, 2010

Ellie S- If you had sat through the 2 days of preliminary testimony, you would have heard that there was nothing found in the safe by the detectives that looked through our mother's home with a fine tooth comb. And if you are making accusations based on false reports that were drugs involved, maybe you should have been there for those 2 days of testimony from the detectives when over and over they stated that NOTHING was found to substantiate drug use. There were no drugs, there was no paraphernalia, there was NOTHING to indicate there was anything related to drugs. Further in Jorge's confession, he stated that:

1. THEY did not find any drugs or anything related to drugs
2. They killed her because they just wanted to...and it was something Robert had been planning for a long time.
3. When asked how long, he said months! Maybe since April of that year....around the time Robert met our mother.

Jorge had just been released from prison less than 2 weeks earlier when the murder occurred.

This family has never talked about the REAL reason because the REAL reason is something so dark, it cannot be understood by any human who has a heart capable of love, empathy, and compassion. More importantly, this family was not going to talk while there was an impending case, as our primary goal was to do the very best thing we could for the case, and for our murdered mother. The preliminary testimony is public record, so help yourself!!

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Furthermore, if you are implying that ANY reason gives any credibility to their actions, you might as well have held that knife yourself.

**EllieS**

February 24, 2010

Jewelry wasn't the motive for the murder. I'm surprised that nobody has talked about the real reason these 2 killed this woman. The family certainly have never stated what was in the safe. That would make people less sympathetic to their story I guess. Nobody deserves to be killed in this manner. I feel sorry for the family, but this wasn't about jewelry!

**tweetyb**

February 24, 2010

So cpmartinez48. After all this time, after nearly 6 months of weekly sometimes twice-weekly court appearances news articles and news media, someone(Mom ?) wants to come along and defend these MURDERERS and say YOU MOVED BECAUSE YOU WERE THREATENED? I beg to differ. I DON'T BELIEVE YOU WERE THERE EVERY COURT DATE(any) AND WITNESSED THE TAUNTS, STARES AND OUTBURSTS THAT OCCURED IN ALMOST ALL OF THEM TOWARDS THE FAMILY. THERE WERE NO THREATS, AT LEAST NOT FROM ANY FAMILY MEMBERS TOWARD THEIR FAMILY, AND AS FAR AS ANGELS, IF YOUR SAYING "NONE OF US ARE ANGELS" YOU COULD BE RIGHT, BUT NO ONE PERSON HAS THE RIGHT TO TAKE ANOTHER LIFE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, AND FOR THOSE THAT DO, THEY SHOULD PAY WITH THEIRS!!!!!! AS FOR HATE, THAT'S TOO KIND OF A WORD TO DESCRIBE THE FEELINGS THAT WE FEEL TOWARDS THOSE 2 COWARDESS MURDERERS!! WE COULD GO ON AND ON WITH THIS , BUT THE TRUTH IS EVEN HELL WOULD BE TOO GOOD FOR THEM!!

**lawabidingcitizen007**

February 24, 2010

cpmartinez48...Being that you are the mother of Robert Plunkett Morgan, one of Cindy's murderers, makes it even more disgusting to read your insensitive and improperly biased comments that are clearly in defense of your son, THE CONVICTED MURDERER! For you to tell Cindy's family to move on and allow them to just live out their lives makes you just as disgusting! Your son is a convicted killer who stabbed a woman 55 times, strangled her and beat her over the head 13 times with a metal safe, along with his partner in crime and supposedly in matrimony. And you are still able to come to their defense and tell this family to let them live their lives now? You disgust me. How do you sleep at night? And to further tell Cindy's family "to move on" is simply beyond belief. How dare you tell them to move on, as they will probably never be able to just move on again. They have also been sentenced to life, SENTENCED BY YOUR MURDERING SON! And for what reason? Im sure you have that answer too! Let them just live their lives now? Spending it together in holy matrimony? While this family spends their life sentence without a mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, friend.....Pretty damn appalling if you ask me! YOU DISGUST ME! I GUESS THE APPLE DOESN'T FALL TOO FAR FROM THE TREE.

**CindysDaughter**

February 24, 2010

cpmartinez- Might you be roberts mother? or family of that convicted murderer?

roberts mother gave interviews to the media proclaiming how innocent her son was, and that he would never even hit a woman. She knew damn well she was lying to cover his ass. She knew her son was a murderer, and I have no respect for her -for lying and trying to cover such a crime...a brutal, brutal crime. My mother did NOTHING to deserve being murdered, and especially in that manner.

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Read the letter...she was lured into believing she was going to receive a birthday present. Even as far as to tell her to sit down and close her eyes. And then she was killed in a way that any person with compassion and empathy could never understand.

You, obviously do not understand the after effects of homicide. The nightmares, the constant re-play of the murder in my mind, our minds! Over and over and over. What our mother went through. How she fought and ultimately begged for her life. How she died alone, full of terror and fear, without the family that she provided so much love for- to help her or comfort her. ALONE!! Move on?? You think that's how it happens? Maybe you need to educate yourself with some grief classes specific to homicide, and see what life is really like for people left in the wake of homicide. It NEVER leaves us!! NEVER!! I will never be the person I was before August 6, 2009, and neither will my siblings or our children.

Furthermore, if roberts mother moved, she moved out of SHAME, NOT because she was threatened by ANY of my mother's children or family. We have more class than that. Her class however, is in serious question- not only as proof of raising a murdering lowlife, but to cover up his actions put her in the same boat!!

Lastly, how dare you call yourself a friend to my mother if the first thing you do is to question what Cindy's surviving children are sentenced to endure, while pitying her killer's mother. Some friend...which is the same thing that was said about robert!

### *thetruthteller*

February 24, 2010

ok devils advicate here

"I said there are no angles here in this sistuation"

the word angle =to attempt to get something by sly or artful means; fish: to angle for a compliment.

~VS~

angel (as in cindy)=one of a class of spiritual beings; a celestial attendant of God.

at first i thought maybe the person couldnt spell but then i realized they are two differnet words all together and before we jump all over cpmartinez we realize he may have actually been talking about the fear the victims family has of the convicted two coming after them not that cindy isnt an angel

### *cpmartinez48*

February 24, 2010

okay,boy there is more hate here then anything.I understand how all of you feel,and I feel really bad too,and I know cindy is now with God and she is looking down on her children with lots of love. I could say more but this is not the way to remember cindy. I did know her, we did visit and talk and hang out.so why be so rude

### *doors17*

February 24, 2010

I'm with you lemajisme and Lorrainew16.

To help you get the bad taste out of your mouths of that post and to help make this post a positive one, please take the

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time to check out the website that CindysDaughter posted below. It's very well done and a beautiful tribute to her memory.

I'm sure the real Angel (Cindy) is very proud of her family.

**lemajoisme**

February 24, 2010

I have to say cpmartinez48, you are seriously out of line. Bad form, "there are no angels"? What about the completely innocent woman who lost her life?

I agree with Lorraine16, this mother only lost a house, her family members get to live! Cindy was murdered, her family will never see her again!

No angels? Wrong.

**lorrainew16**

February 24, 2010

cpmartinez48, you are an idiot. The mother of a murderer had to move, oh what a shame. She should have taken her sorry ass drug addicted, killer child out of the community before he killed someone. Oh I'm sure his mother didn't know he was a lowlife drug addict right! Who killed someone for Jewelry! The victims family should just move on. You are a piece of work! I hope they Hang both of them, they don't deserve LIFE WITHOUT PAROLE. She's lucky to have lost only her home. Cindy lost her life you fool! RIP Cindy!!!

**cpmartinez48**

February 24, 2010

I cant believe what I have been hearing. why should you be scared for your life. the mother of the convicted is the one that had to move due to her life being threatend. bet none of the people who are making comments knew that huh? the mother is very very sad about this whole ordeal.she knew cindy and liked her very much.there are no angles here on either side. the mother lost her home because she was afraid the family would come after her . so please, fear for your life. they got life without parole,I know its not easy believe me,I know, but its time to move on and let them move on. like I said there are no angles here in this sistung

**mommyofthree**

February 24, 2010

If this lame state would just USE the damn death penalty we wouldn't have issues. They had already committed crimes then got let go and now they killed someone, this system is a joke. Just like how they let go guys who have killed before or raped or molested then they are let go a few years later. I think that however they killed the victim that is how they should go.....

**tweetyb**

February 24, 2010

There shouldn't even be an issue with separating these two MURDERERS!!! First of all the hoops that the family had to go through behind them being "domestic partners" so that our justice system made sure that THEIR rights weren't being violated. Second of all, they are convicted MURDERERS. It's ashame that the hard working, honest, LAW ABIDING citizens of this State have to pay for these two to live out the rest of their lives(possibly together?) with free room and board, healthcare, education and a free gym membership after Planning out a Horrific and Brutal

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Murder!!!!

I don't know about the rest of you, but I see that something is definitely wrong here and the only way to change things is People need to say enough is enough and work together because in Unity there can be Change.

*tomturkey*

February 24, 2010

I think the family members should write and protest their wish to the courts and to the Director of the Department of Corrections. You should not have to see them two bad apples together, why should they be together when their actions cause great suffering and seperated you from a family member. Seperation from your family member is the key word. Seperation should be the key word for them as well. I think it is a privilidge for them to stay together.

Seperation, key word.

*doors17*

February 24, 2010

Mrs. Barnes, I know it's easy for any of us to say your entire family is in our prayers, but all of you truly are.

Okay everybody, we took the time to post how much we despise these two, let's take the same few minutes to help this family.

*CindysDaughter*

February 24, 2010

Thank you Doors 17 and Tom for your comments and support of our family. We are not opposed AT ALL of anyone else writing letters in regards to keeping these 2 convicted murderers separate for life. In fact, it can only help!

We are drafting a letter to place on Moms website as a template, if that makes it easier. Of course, you can use your own if you'd like. We simply appreciate the help and support.

Please visit:

[www.inmemoryofcindyramos.com](http://www.inmemoryofcindyramos.com)

and look for a template which will be posted shortly.

Thanks so much!

Christina Barnes

*doors17*

February 24, 2010

Mrs. Barnes, if you think it will help you, do you have a address and the name of a official that those of us here can contact with a letter ? I don't know if you'll approve of such a thing, or if you and family will think it'll do any good, but please believe me you have many good people in this community who would like to do whatever we can to help you.

I'm still confused to why they agreed to the plea since they gained nothing. I would think they would want the trail to least see each other. I hope part of the plea agreement wasn't agreeing to allow them to be placed in the same prison.

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**tomturkey**

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just hire some s.f. homos to write them and get them jealous at one another, maybe they will catfight to their deaths.