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CASE OF INTEREST

Former CHP Employee Convicted for Murder of Woman

DATE: April 6, 2017

CASE: Cresencio Camasura (Case #15F01521)

PROSECUTOR: Deputy District Attorney Valerie Brown, Homicide Unit

Cresencio Camasura was convicted by a jury of murder in the second degree of Vida Sarang. The jury also found true the allegation that Camasura personally used a deadly weapon.

On March 10, 2015, Cresencio Camasura killed his wife's cousin, 65-year-old Vida Sarang, by stabbing her more than 15 times with a butcher knife. Ms. Sarang was retired from her career at Sutter Health and had been staying with Camasura and his wife for several months. Camasura worked for the California Highway Patrol in data entry for more than 20 years. On the day of the murder, Camasura was just beginning a three-week vacation from his job. Shortly after 7:00 a.m., Camasura called his wife and told her he killed Ms. Sarang. He then called 911 to report his crime. Upon arrival, officers found Ms. Sarang deceased in the kitchen.

Camasura faces a maximum sentence of 16 years to life in prison. Sentencing is set for May 12, 2017, at 10:30 a.m. in front of the Honorable Eugene Balonon.