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DAWN SINGH FOUND GUILTY OF MURDERS IN 2009 KERMAN SLAYINGS

Senior Deputy District Attorney Gabe Brickey and Senior District Attorney Investigators Ben Castellanos and David Medina are pleased to announce that today, October 11, 2016, Dawn Singh was found guilty of the murders of Gary and Sandy DeBartolo.

Mr. and Mrs. DeBartolo were killed in their Kerman home during a July 2009 home-invasion robbery. Dawn Singh was involved in the robbery plot, driving the other participants to the victims' home in order to commit the robbery, and acting as the "getaway driver" as they fled the scene of the murders.

Today, a Fresno County jury convicted Dawn Singh of all of the crimes and allegations charged. Ms. Singh was convicted of:

- 1.) Murder of Gary DeBartolo [P.C. 187(a)];
- 2.) Murder of Sandy DeBartolo [P.C. 187(a)];
- 3.) Felony Evading [V.C. 2800.2(a)]

The jury also found true the special circumstance allegations that the murders were committed during the course of a robbery and burglary. After the verdict was read, Ms. Singh admitted that she had previously been convicted on three (3) separate occasions of a felony and had been sentenced to state prison.

She faces life in prison without the possibility of parole when she is sentenced on November 8, 2016, in Department 60 of the Fresno Superior Court.

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