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Man Convicted of First Degree Murder – Victim Stabbed Over 100 Times

(Woodland, CA) – July 14, 2009 – District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that on July 14, 2009, a Yolo County jury convicted Luis A. Rodriguez, 25, of Sacramento, of First Degree Murder in the stabbing death of a thirty-nine year old Sacramento woman.

On July 8, 2007 the victim, Alexandra Cerda, had attended a party at a residence in Sacramento where Luis A. Rodriguez and his friend Jose Madrigal were also present. Ms. Cerda left the residence around 10 p.m. Shortly thereafter, Mr. Rodriguez and Mr. Madrigal drove to Ms. Cerda's location and offered her a ride. After picking her up, Madrigal began a vicious knife attack upon Ms. Cerda while Rodriguez drove the van.

While still in the Sacramento area, the victim was stabbed over one hundred times with a knife and died of her wounds. Madrigal and Rodriguez then drove to Yolo County and dumped her body in some brush on the side of the River Road. On July 9, 2008, Ms. Cerda's body was discovered by a probation officer who happened to see her lying on the side of the road.

The Yolo County jury deliberated for three days before returning their verdict. District Attorney Jeff Reisig commended the Yolo County jury for returning a first degree murder conviction in the case. "We have always maintained that Mr. Rodriguez's cold blooded decision to continue casually driving his van for over ten minutes, knowing that his accomplice was brutally stabbing the victim over 100 times just a few feet away from him, justified this most serious conviction under the law."

Madrigal faces a sentence of 25 years to life. He will be sentenced August 28, 2008, in Dept 3 of Yolo County Superior Court.

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