



COUNTY OF FRESNO

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MARGARET ALANIZ AND ANTHONY NUNEZ FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER AND TORTURE

Senior Deputy District Attorney Gabriel Brickey and Senior Investigator Shari Hall are pleased to announce that today, October 15, 2015, Margaret Alaniz and Anthony Nunez were found guilty of murder and torture.

In August 2013, the defendants held a female victim against her will for several days, during which time they physically beat her and poured a caustic substance on several areas of her body. On the third day, she was moved to a detached garage, where she was allegedly sexually assaulted by Oscar Seja. When the defendants found out about the alleged sexual assault and a possible theft, they stabbed Mr. Seja 22 times, killing him, and then buried him under the house.

Ms. Alaniz and Mr. Nunez were found guilty by a jury today of the murder of Mr. Seja and the torture of the female victim.

Ms. Alaniz is facing a sentence of 30 years to life plus another life term when sentenced. Mr. Nunez is facing a sentence of 17 years to life plus another life term.

Both defendants are scheduled to be sentenced by the Honorable Judge Houry Sanderson on November 17, 2015.

Senior Deputy District Attorney Brickey would like to thank the members of the Fresno Police Department, and especially Homicide Detectives Ray Villalvazo and Antonio Rivera, for their hard work and dedication to obtaining justice for the victims in this case.

The media may contact Administrative Legal Assistant Leslie Gillespie at (559) 600-4442 with any questions.

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