



COUNTY OF FRESNO

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ELOY ROMERO JR. FOUND GUILTY OF DOUBLE MURDER FOR 2014 SHOOTINGS

Senior Deputy District Attorney Bill Lacy and Senior Investigator Michael Garcia are pleased to announce that today, December 15, 2015, Eloy Romero Jr. was found guilty of two counts of murder for the May 12, 2014 shooting deaths of Joseph Blunt and George Duarte in a car near Reedley.

The case was initially investigated as a single-vehicle traffic accident when the two men were found deceased in an overturned car at Buttonwillow and Jefferson Avenues near Reedley. A homicide investigation was opened once the Coroner's Office discovered that both men had been shot in the back of their heads at close range.

The jury convicted 26-year-old Eloy Romero Jr. of two counts of First Degree Murder, as well as the special circumstance allegation that Mr. Romero committed multiple murders and the allegation that he used a firearm in the murders of Mr. Blunt and Mr. Duarte.

Sentencing is scheduled for January 14, 2016, at 9 a.m. in Department 53.

Mr. Romero is facing a sentence of Life Without the Possibility of Parole, plus an additional term of 52 years to life.

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

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