



COUNTY OF FRESNO

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LEUTH SENGSONGKHAM CONVICTED OF TWO COUNTS OF MURDER

Leuth Sengsongkham (62, of Fresno) was found guilty today of two counts of murder for the 2015 shooting deaths of Rattana Chounramany and Somkeo Thongkhamvilay, the Fresno County District Attorney's Office announced.

On the morning of April 18, 2015, Mr. Sengsongkham shot and killed his wife, Ms. Chounramany. He also shot and killed Mr. Thongkhamvilay, a man whom he suspected was having an affair with his wife. Both victims were murdered in a field where they worked, located at Chestnut and Adams Avenues in Fresno County. Mr. Sengsongkham fled Fresno County after the shootings and was arrested later that same day in Henderson, Nevada.

A Fresno County jury deliberated for less than a day before finding Mr. Sengsongkham guilty of the Second Degree Murder of Ms. Chounramany, and the First Degree Murder of Mr. Thongkhamvilay. The jury also found that Mr. Sengsongkham used a firearm during the commission of the murders.

The defendant is currently in custody at the Fresno County Jail. He faces a sentence of up to 90 years-to-life when he is sentenced on September 21, 2017, at 9:00 a.m., in Department 71 of the Fresno County Superior Court. However, after serving 25 years, Mr. Sengsongkham will be eligible for early release under the Elderly Parole Program.

Senior Deputy District Attorney Bill Lacy prosecuted the case along with the assistance of Senior District Attorney Investigator David Medina. The case was investigated by the Fresno County Sheriff's Office.

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