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**TWO MORENO VALLEY BROTHERS CONVICTED OF 2006 MURDER
OUTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION PARTY**

RIVERSIDE – Two brothers from Moreno Valley have been convicted of a 2006 murder outside of a high school graduation party.

Juan Jose Casillas, DOB: 6-26-86, and Daniel Federico Casillas, DOB: 4-29-88, were found guilty on Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2010, of the murder of Chas O'Grady and the attempted murder of his brother, Sean Risdall. Jurors deliberated about a day before reaching their verdicts.

On June 19, 2006, a family hosted a party on Helmsdale Avenue in Moreno Valley to celebrate a high school graduation. O'Grady and Risdall attended the party. Juan and Daniel Casillas were part of a group known to crash parties, often bringing guns with them, which also showed up at the party.

After the party broke up in the early morning hours of June 20, 2006, many of the partygoers gathered in the front yard and street. A fight broke out during which those fighting ended up on the hood of a car belonging to Juan Casillas' girlfriend.

The Casillas brothers soon fired about a half-dozen shots, hitting both victims and killing O'Grady, 20, who died later at a hospital. Risdall, 26 at the time of the shooting, survived his wounds.

The case, RIF130939, was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Jared Haringsma.

"This was a senseless murder at a party where people had gathered to celebrate a high school graduation," Haringsma said. "There simply was no reason for it and the jury was able to see the truth and bring justice to the defendants for their actions."

Juan and Daniel Casillas are scheduled to be sentenced at 8:30 a.m. April 2, 2010, to Dept. 61 at the Hall of Justice in Riverside.

Each man faces a sentence of 77 years to life in prison.

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