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CRIMINAL CASE UPDATE

**LAKE ELSINORE WOMAN SENTENCED
FOR MURDER OF BOYFRIEND**

MURRIETA – A Lake Elsinore woman was sentenced today, Feb. 26, 2010, for the murder of her boyfriend on Thanksgiving Day 2005.

Amalia Catherine Bryant, 25, was sentenced by Judge Timothy Freer to 16 years to life in prison.

On Dec. 9, 2009, a Riverside County jury convicted Bryant of murdering Robert Golden and found true the enhancement that she used a deadly weapon during the murder.

On Nov. 24, 2005, Bryant and the victim returned to their Lake Elsinore apartment after visiting relatives on Thanksgiving. Bryant put the couple's twin 1-year-old sons to bed and Golden got on the computer, then an argument began between Bryant and Golden.

During a physical fight that ensued, Bryant stabbed her boyfriend in the chest with a knife, the blade plunging at least four inches into his heart, causing massive blood loss and killing him. When police arrived Bryant admitted stabbing the victim.

The subsequent criminal investigation revealed that Bryant found out Golden had previously planned to leave her. In journal entries authored by Bryant, investigators found that she expressed her resentment, hatred and jealousy toward the victim. Bryant also believed that Golden had been cheating on her.

The case, SWF014495, was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Sam Kaloustian.

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