



Riverside County District Attorney

CRIMINAL CASE UPDATE

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JUDGE ORDERS MAN TO STAND TRIAL IN THE MURDER OF A WOMAN WHOSE BODY WAS FOUND IN HER BURNED MURRIETA APARTMENT

MURRIETA – Today, Oct. 18, 2013, a judge ordered a Hemet man to stand trial for the murder of a woman whose body was found inside her burned Murrieta apartment a year ago.

Marquise Denzell McGlown, DOB: 7-13-90, is charged with the Oct. 31, 2012, death of Shanae Christiana Wesley, 23, who lived at the Waterstone Apartments, 24850 Hancock Ave. in Murrieta.

About 6:45 that morning, Murrieta police and fire personnel responded to a fire reported at one of the apartments. A neighbor was able to rescue Wesley's 3-year-old son from the apartment. The boy was treated at a local hospital and was released. Firefighters extinguished the blaze and found the woman's badly burned body in the apartment.

McGlown has been charged with one count each of murder, attempted murder, arson of an inhabited structure and vehicle theft. Also attached to the murder charge are special allegations of lying in wait, murder during the commission of a rape, and murder during the commission of a burglary.

District Attorney Paul Zellerbach is seeking the death penalty against McGlown.

Following a preliminary hearing over two days at the Southwest Justice Center in Murrieta, Judge Michael Rushton found today, Oct. 18, 2013, that there was enough evidence to order McGlown to stand trial on all counts.

McGlown was ordered to return to Dept. S301 on Nov. 8, 2013, for an information arraignment.

An investigation by Murrieta police detectives led to the identification of McGlown as a suspect in the crimes. He was arrested on Nov. 2, 2012, in Hemet on a parole violation and charged by the DA's Office in this case on Nov. 19, 2012. Based on the evidence, it is alleged that McGlown raped and murdered Wesley, then set a fire in her apartment in an apparent attempt to cover up his crimes. McGlown then fled the scene by stealing Wesley's car and on Nov. 2, 2012, Wesley's 2006 Chevrolet Cobalt was recovered by police in a parking lot in Hemet, not far from McGlown's residence.

The case, SWF1207237, is being prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Burke Strunsky of the DA's Homicide Unit.