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**AGUANGA MAN CONVICTED OF 22 COUNTS INVOLVING THE SEXUAL ASSAULT
OF TWO UNDERAGE BOYS AND THE SOLICITATION OF THEIR MURDERS**

MURRIETA – Watch Breaking Bad to learn how to do it. Poison them. “Put them deep, never to be found.”

Those are some of the things an Aguanga man, while in custody for sexually assaulting two underage boys, told his stepson to do to get rid of his victims.

On Dec. 7, 2017, a Riverside County jury convicted that man, Randy John Morasch, DOB: 8-27-62, of 22 felony counts including kidnapping, solicitation of murder, sodomy by force or fear, oral copulation by force or fear, dissuading a victim or witness, and assault with a gun. Jurors deliberated for about 2 ½ hours before finding Morasch guilty. He faces a sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole.

The first of the two underage victims was a 16-year-old runaway when Morasch met him at an Anza feed store in 2005. Morasch ultimately invited the boy to live at his home after which the forced sexual assaults happened. Morasch threatened the boy with violence and told him he was affiliated with an outlaw motorcycle gang and could have him killed if he tried to leave the home. Morasch fired a gun at the boy during one attempted escape.

The second victim was a 17-year-old runaway Morasch met in 2013. Morasch provided him with drugs and the boy moved into the home. Morasch sexually assaulted the boy who also was threatened with violence, including various times Morasch pointed a loaded handgun at him. Ultimately, the boy returned to his parents' home. He disclosed to them what Morasch had done to him and the crimes were reported to law enforcement.

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department conducted an investigation and tried to arrest Morasch. However, before he could be arrested, Morasch rented a car and drove to Sacramento where he was involved in a high-speed chase with California Highway Patrol officers who found a fake beard, hair dye, and two firearms in his vehicle when he was arrested after crashing the car.

Once in custody, Morasch contacted his stepson, Dennis James “DJ” Harrison, in an attempt to intimidate or kill the two victims. Morasch told Harrison that, if the victims recanted or were unable to testify, he would go free. Morasch's instructions of what he wanted Harrison to do came during recorded jail calls and in a detailed letter to his stepson.

Harrison, DOB: 9-30-85, of Anza, was arrested and charged. On July 14, 2017, he pled guilty to two counts of dissuading a victim or witness and was sentenced to six years in state prison.

This case, SWF1400818, was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Marcus Garrett of the DA's Major Crimes Unit.

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