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DA ANNOUNCES CHARGES FILED IN 2006 PINYON PINES TRIPLE MURDER

RIVERSIDE – Today, June 10, 2016, District Attorney Mike Hestrin announced that murder charges have been filed against two men for the 2006 murders of three people whose bodies were found in or near their Pinyon Pines home.

Three counts of murder, with a special circumstance allegation of committing multiple murders, were filed on June 8, 2016, against Robert Lars Pape, DOB: 5-16-88; and Cristin Conrad Smith, DOB: 10-10-88. The special circumstance allegation makes Pape eligible for the death penalty. DA Hestrin will make a decision whether or not to seek death at a later time. Smith was a juvenile at the time of the crimes so he is not eligible for the death penalty, but faces life in prison without the possibility of parole.

“Three people lost their lives to violence,” DA Hestrin said. “They are not simply victims, but mother, father, sister, family, and loved ones. The tremendous loss of three innocent people is what drove me, this office, the sheriff, and all the investigators to continue to search for the truth.”

Pape was arrested during a vehicle stop about 7 a.m., on June 10, 2016, in Cathedral City. Pape is scheduled to be arraigned on Tuesday. Courtroom information is not yet available. Smith was arrested about 3:30 p.m. on June 10, 2016, in Sacramento.

Both men are charged with the Sept. 17, 2006, murders of Jon Hayward, Vicki Friedli, and Vicki’s daughter Becky. At about 9:50 p.m. that date, firefighters were called to a residential structure fire in the 68000 block of Alpine Drive in the mountain community of Pinyon Pines. Firefighters found Becky Friedli’s body on fire in a wheelbarrow near the home. After extinguishing the house fire, firefighters found the bodies of Vicki Friedli and Hayward inside the residence.

In this case, both defendants Pape and Smith had previously been charged in 2014, however those charges were dismissed later that year.

After taking office in January 2015, DA Hestrin said he would review this triple-murder case with a “fresh set of eyes.” Soon after that, a new investigation began into the murders and after 16 months of exhaustive work by DA’s and Riverside County sheriff’s investigators, charges have been filed again against Pape and Smith. The lengthy investigation led to the finding of new evidence, some of which was not known at the time of the first investigation, as well as evidence that has now been processed using technological advances unavailable previously.

The case, INF1600755, is being prosecuted by Chief Assistant District Attorney John Aki and Supervising Deputy District Attorney Brandon Smith.

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