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## **JURY CONVICTS MAN OF THE MURDER OF A CATHEDRAL CITY POLICE OFFICER KILLED DURING A 2011 PURSUIT**

**BANNING** – Today, July 14, 2016, a Riverside County jury convicted a man of the murder of a Cathedral City police officer who died during a 2011 pursuit.

The night of March 18, 2011, Cathedral City police Officer Jermaine Gibson tried to pull over a black Ford Mustang but the driver refused to stop, leading Officer Gibson on a high-speed pursuit that headed into Palm Springs. During the pursuit, Officer Gibson's marked patrol car crashed into a palm tree on South Palm Canyon Drive and the Mustang crashed about the same time about 200 yards north of where the officer crashed. Officer Gibson was pronounced dead at the scene. Two men inside the Mustang were ejected but survived.

The driver of the Mustang, Durjan Germaine Gray, DOB: 6-29-76, of Palm Springs, was charged with Officer Gibson's murder.

After less than a day of deliberations, a jury on July 14, 2016, at the Banning Justice Center found Gray guilty on all counts. He was convicted of second-degree murder with a special allegation of the victim being a peace officer being found true, as well as one count each of driving under the influence causing injury with a special allegation of great bodily injury causing a coma being found true, felony evading a peace officer causing death, and DUI vehicular manslaughter.

Gray is scheduled to be sentenced on Sept. 9, 2016, at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. B302 in Banning. He faces a maximum sentence of about 30 years to life.

The case, INF1101149, was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Anthony Orlando of the DA's Homicide and Gangs Unit.

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