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**MAN FOUND GUILTY OF MURDERING WOMAN
STRUCK IN THE HEAD WITH A BOTTLE AT A TEMECULA STORE**

MURRIETA – After about 90 minutes of deliberations, a Riverside County jury found a Temecula man guilty of the 2016 murder of a woman he randomly struck in the head with a liquor bottle as she stood in a store checkout line with her daughter.

Brian Eldon Saylor, DOB: 4-6-85, was convicted of one count of murder. Jurors began deliberations about 1:30 p.m. and notified the court they had a verdict a little more than 90 minutes later. Saylor faces a sentence of 25 years to life and is scheduled to be sentenced by Judge Stephen Gallon on March 16, 2018, in Dept. S304 at the Southwest Justice Center in Murrieta.

Tammy Serrano, 54, was with her adult daughter at the CVS Pharmacy, 31771 Rancho California Road, in Temecula the evening of June 13, 2016. They had stopped there to buy makeup while her daughter was visiting on spring break from college in Arizona.

As they were at the checkout counter paying for their items, Saylor was at the checkout register next to them. There had been no interaction at all between Saylor and the two women inside the store.

Saylor, who was purchasing a 750ml bottle of Jim Beam bourbon, picked up the bottle from the counter at the register but put it back down and opened his wallet as if to pay for the item. Instead, he again picked up the bottle and immediately struck Tammy Serrano directly on the left side of her head.

The victim fell to the floor and never again regained consciousness. After the random attack, Saylor walked outside, smoked a cigarette, and waited until Temecula police officers arrived to arrest him.

The case, SWF1601114, was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Sean Crandell of the DA's Homicide Team.

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