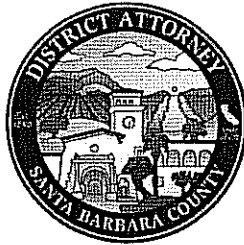


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Re: *People v. Corey Lyons*
Prosecutor: **Ron Zonen, Senior Deputy District Attorney**

Today, Santa Barbara County District Attorney, Joyce E. Dudley, announces that Corey Lyons was found guilty of two counts of first-degree murder and one count of first-degree residential burglary. All special allegations and special circumstances were found true, including that the murder was for financial gain, was committed while lying in wait, that there were multiple murders, and the defendant discharged a firearm resulting in death.

On May 4, 2009, the defendant Corey Lyons entered the home of his brother Daniel Lyons and Daniel's long-term girlfriend Barbara Scharton and killed both with a shotgun. The murder occurred on the day the defendant was to sign a settlement agreement that would have obligated him to pay \$250,000 to his brother. The lawsuit concerned allegations of faulty construction and construction fraud stemming from the defendant's construction of the victim's home.

Corey Lyons will return to court for sentencing on February 7, 2012. It is expected that he will be sentenced to state prison for the rest of his life without any possibility of parole.

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